

Black Liturgies for Staying Human

Awakening an honest, inclusive, spiritual community

Date	Location
Tuesday, 06 FEB	Unity Multicultural Education Center

Dignity

*I am so perfect so divine so ethereal so surreal | I
cannot be comprehended except by my permission*

- Nikki Giovanni

Date	Location
Friday, 09 FEB	Lincoln LGBTQ Center

Selfhood

*I could no more escape than I could think of my
identity. Perhaps, I thought the two things are
involved with each other. When I discover who I
am, I'll be free.*

-Ralph Ellison

Date	Location
Tuesday, 13 FEB	Unity Multicultural Education Center

Place

*Like the dead-seeming, cold rocks, I have memories
within that came out of the material that went to make
me. Time and place have had their say.*

-Zora Neale Hurston

Date	Location
Friday, 16 FEB	Humanities Building, 2nd floor Reading Room

Belonging

*Without community, there is no liberation, only
the most vulnerable and temporary armistice
between an individual and her oppression.*

-Audre Lorde

Date	Location
Tuesday, 20 FEB	Humanities Building, 2nd floor Reading Room

Doubt

*The betrayal of belief is not the same thing as ceasing
to believe.*

-James Baldwin

Date	Location
Friday, 23 FEB	Humanities Building, 2nd floor Reading Room

Rest

*There is no end | to what a living world |
Will demand of you.*

-Octavia Butler

Date	Location
Tuesday, 27 FEB	Humanities Building, 2nd floor Reading Room

Fear

*When fear rushed in, I learned how to hear my heart
racing, but refused to allow my feeling to sway me.
That resilience came from my family. It flowed through
our bloodline.*

-Coretta Scott King

Date	Location
Friday, 01 MAR	Hearth Room, 3 rd floor College Hall (behind the chapel)

Justice

*But if by some miracle, and all our struggle, the
Earth is spared, only justice to every living thing
(and everything alive) will save humankind. ...
Only justice can stop a curse.*

-Alice Walker

Date	Location
Tuesday, 05 MAR	Humanities Building, 2nd floor Reading Room

Joy

*Remind us that a light heart is not a heart that lacks
depth. That our play does not negate our grief.*

-Cole Arthur Riley

<h2>Spring Break</h2>

Black Liturgies for Staying Human
will be held once a week following spring break

Date	Location	Date	Location
Friday, 22 MAR	Hearth Room, 3 rd floor College Hall <i>(behind the chapel)</i>	Tuesday, 26 MAR	Unity Multicultural Education Center

Wonder

They shared an unshakeable belief in beauty, in overflow, in everythingness, the bursting, indelible beauty in a world where there is so much suffering and wounding and pain.

-Elizabeth Alexander

Repair

*I shall become a collector of me. ...
I shall Become A COLLECTOR of me. ...
I SHALL BECOME A COLLECTOR OF ME. ...
AND PUT MEAT ON MY SOUL*

-Sonia Sanchez

Friday, 05 APR	TBD
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Healing & Forgiveness

But still, like dust, I'll rise.

-Maya Angelou

Friday, 12 APR	Hearth Room, 3 rd floor College Hall <i>(behind the chapel)</i>
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Friday, 19 APR	Hearth Room, 3 rd floor College Hall <i>(behind the chapel)</i>
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Artistry

All art is a kind of confession, more or less oblique. All artists, if they are to survive, are forced at last, to tell the whole story, to vomit the anguish up.

-James Baldwin

Friday, 26 APR	Hearth Room, 3 rd floor College Hall <i>(behind the chapel)</i>
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Power

It's not about supplication, it's about power. It's not about asking, it's about demanding. It's not about convincing those who are currently in power, it's about changing the very face of power itself.

-Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw

Open to the GU Community.

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