



*Welcome*  
TO THE HEART OF THE MECCA

THE ANDREW RANKIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY

ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024  
CRAMTON AUDITORIUM  
REV. BERNARD L. RICHARDSON, PH.D.  
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

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**The Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel**  
**Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D., Dean of the Chapel**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**Ringling of the Bell**

Sandra Edmonds Crewe, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Social Work

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Chapel

**Lighting of the Unity Candle**

Maretta Hemsley-Wood  
Friends of the Chapel

**Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 31:8-9 NRSVue

**Musical Selection**

*“This Little Light of Mine”*  
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir  
Kayla Prather, Soprano Soloist  
Dr. Eric Poole, Conductor

Arr. John Work

**Offering**

**Greetings**

Domani Rodriguez  
President, Howard University Chapel Assistants

**Meditation**

Rev. Bernard L. Richardson, Ph.D.  
Dean of the Chapel

**Introduction of the Speaker**

**Musical Selection**

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”*  
Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Choir  
Dr. Eric Poole, Conductor  
Melissa Constantin, Soloist

by Doris Akers and Richard Smallwood

**Sermon**

Min. Rahiel Tesfamariam  
Activist, Journalist, Theologian, and Speaker  
Washington, DC

**Closing Hymn**

*“Total Praise”*

by Richard Smallwood

**Benediction**

**\*\*A special thank you to our Speaker’s Assistant, Carrington Boyer Graduating Senior Honors Interdisciplinary Studies major with a Concentration in Bioethics and Biology minor.**

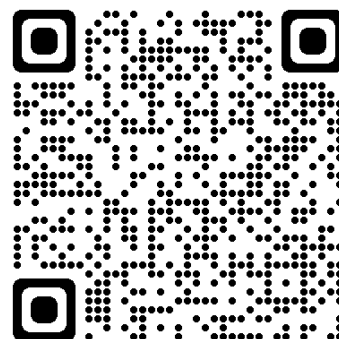
**Scripture**

Proverbs 31:8-9 (NRSVue)

“Speak out for those who cannot  
speak, for the rights of all the  
destitute.

Speak out; judge righteously  
defend the rights of the poor and  
needy.”

**Offering Link**



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## ***Min. Rahiel Tesfamariam***

***Activist, Journalist, Theologian,  
and Speaker***

### ***Washington, DC***

Min. Rahiel Tesfamariam is an award-winning activist, journalist, theologian, and speaker.

A former Washington Post columnist, she is the founder of Urban Cusp, a cutting-edge online community highlighting faith, social change, culture, and global awareness. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Yale Divinity School, where she was the inaugural William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Scholar for Peace and Justice. At age 23, she served as the youngest editor-in-chief in the history of The Washington Informer newspaper. She has over two decades of organizing experience with national and international social justice organizations. Amidst the Ferguson Uprising, Rahiel led #NotOneDime, a national economic boycott. For years, she worked in Africa, organizing with Pan-African movements across the continent.

Rahiel has traveled the world on various delegations and humanitarian projects. She has spoken at prestigious



universities and historic churches throughout the nation. As a generational voice, Rahiel has been featured in the New York Times, Forbes, Ebony, Elle, and on BET and Revolt TV. Essence magazine named her one of the nation's "New Civil Rights Leaders." Rahiel's first book, *Imagine Freedom: Transforming Pain into Political and Spiritual Power*, is now available through

Amistad/HarperCollins.

### **This Week at Rankin**

Join us **online** for **Meditation Mondays** with Dean Richardson **every Monday morning at 9 AM** on all Rankin Chapel social platforms.  
**@HowardUChapel** on IG, X, & FB  
**@RankinChapel** on YouTube



Join us every Thursday at 5:00 PM for Matters of the HeART Bible Study in Locke Hall Room – 365

Join us for "Wellness Wednesdays", a weekly 30-minute wellness booster taught by Howard University's team of Mindfulness leaders. Join us at the Little Chapel in the Carnegie Building at 12:15 p.m.

### **This Week's Calls to Chapel**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.,  
Alpha Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter

Howard University School of Divinity

Howard University School of Social Work

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.,  
Alpha Chapter and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority,  
Inc., Alpha Chapter

Radical Reads

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## The Chapel at a Glance

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### Chaplaincies & Events

Roman Catholic – Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III

Catholic Mass on Sundays at 6 PM, Douglass Rm. 120

Fellowship on Thursday at 7 PM

United Methodist – Rev. Jacob Cogman

Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 PM, Douglass Rm. 104

## *Have a Great Week!*

### Upcoming Speakers

#### *Palm Sunday*

Sunday, March 24, 2024

**Rev. Renita J. Weems, Ph.D.**

Author, Scholar, Clergy, & Public  
Intellectual

Nashville, TN

#### *Easter Sunday*

Sunday, March 31, 2024

**Bishop Vashti Murphy**

**McKenzie**

Retired Bishop, African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Baltimore, MD

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**HAPPY  
SOCIAL  
WORK  
MONTH!**

THANK YOU  
TO ALL OF OUR PAST,  
PRESENT, AND FUTURE  
DEDICATED  
SOCIAL WORKERS



### Quote of the Week

“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.”

— Dr. Dorothy Height



The Office of the  
Dean of the Chapel

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