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## **WELCOME Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers**

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### **Chalmers/Sydenham Street United Churches shared Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Sermon: “Original Blessing”**

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers is the annual speaker for the 2018 Hilliker Preaching Lectureship, which is supported through gifts given to the endowment funds of the Chalmers congregation.

*There will be a Book Display and refreshments  
in Chalmers’ MacCallum Hall following the service.*

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Dr. Robin Meyers is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, the Distinguished Professor of Social Justice at Oklahoma City University, a best-selling author, a columnist, and an award-winning commentator for National Public Radio. He has been the Senior Minister of Mayflower Congregational UCC church of Oklahoma City for 32 years, the fastest growing UCC church in the Kansas Oklahoma conference.

Dr. Meyers was born in Oklahoma City and grew up in Wichita, Kansas. After graduating from Wichita State University (75) he received his M. Div. from the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University (79) and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey (81), and his PhD from the Communication Department at the University of Oklahoma (91). His dissertation was on the concept of self-persuasion in preaching and was published as a textbook in homiletics.

Dr. Meyers is the author of seven books: *With Ears to Hear: Preaching as Self-Persuasion* (Pilgrim Press, 1993); *Morning Sun on a White Piano: Simple Pleasures and the Sacramental Life* (Doubleday, 1998);



*The Virtue in the Vice: Finding Seven Lively Virtues in the Seven Deadly Sins* (HCI, 2004); *Why the Christian Right is Wrong: A Minister’s Manifesto for Taking Back your Faith, your Flag, and your Future* (Wiley, 2006); *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus* (Harper One, 2009); *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* (Wiley, 2012); and *Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Defiance* (Yale University Press, 2015), based on his 2013-14 Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University.

Forthcoming from Penguin/Random House: *Falling Off the Ceiling: The Death of Michelangelo’s God and the Rebirth of Wonder.*

Forthcoming from Butler Films, Inc.: A feature length documentary about religion and politics in America through the lens of Mayflower Church. Working title: *American Heretics: Shall the Fundamentalists Win?*

Dr. Meyers is a fellow of the Jesus Seminar, a member of the God Seminar, and a frequent speaker and preacher (nationally and internationally) on the merits of progressive Christianity. He was twice a finalist for the pulpit of the Riverside Church in New York City. He has given the Earl Lectures in Berkeley, was awarded the Angie Debo Civil Libertarian Award from the ACLU, and was featured in an HBO documentary, *The Execution of Wanda Jean*, the story of the first woman executed in Oklahoma, and Dr. Meyers’ efforts to save her life. Most recently, Dr. Meyers gave the Robinson/Spong Lecture at the Gladstone Library in North Wales and was the Common Dreams on the Road Lecturer in New Zealand and Australia in 2016. In 2017, he gave the second annual Marcus Borg Memorial Lecture at Oxford.

Robin is married to Shawn Meyers, an Oklahoma City artist and university professor, and they are the parents of three children, Blue, Chelsea, and Cass, and grandparents to Iris, Hazel, and Eleanora.

### **A special THANK YOU from the HPL committee**

To all those volunteers and church staff who have helped to plan and to orchestrate this engaging weekend.