

Harry Emerson Fosdick Lecture on Preaching IV

*Hearing. Helping.  
Healing Our Neighbors with  
Mental Health Challenges*

Sen. John Marty  
Mindy Greiling

Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
Hoversten Chapel  
Augsburg University Campus Ministry

## ***Hearing. Helping. Healing Our Neighbors with Mental Health Challenges***

One in three people have a family member struggling with mental health, yet we as churches, as a community, as a society have much to improve on how we relate to them. Mindy Greiling and Senator John Marty will share their personal and legislative experience in addressing mental health concerns. Following the lecture, Pastor Aaron Fuller will preach during a 20 minute worship service.

Today, the Office of Campus Ministry at Augsburg University in conjunction with Rev. Greg Renstrom and St. Ninian Press offers our sixth Harry Emerson Fosdick Lecture on Preaching entitled, “Hearing. Helping. Healing Our Neighbors with Mental Health Challenges.”

### **About our Speakers:**

**Mindy Greiling** served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for 20 years where she initiated the first state bipartisan mental health caucus after her son was diagnosed with schizophrenia. She served on the state and national NAMI boards and is the immediate past president of NAMI Ramsey County.

**Senator John Marty** has been a state senator since 1987. He is a strong advocate for government ethics, environmental protection, and affordable health care for everyone. Throughout his career, John has been a strong advocate for public investments in people -- in health, education and employment – to enable all people to reach their full potential.

**Pastor Aaron Fuller** serves as the Pastor at Our Father’s Lutheran Church in Rockford, MN and as a Navy Reserve Chaplain. He has served as a Navy Chaplain in Virginia, including an overseas deployment in Germany and served at the Pentagon as the Director of Spirituality and Resiliency for the US Marine Corps.

We are grateful for your presence among us to share in this morning time of reflection, conversation, and worship as we recognize the importance of resurrection hope in honor of the great 20th Century preacher, Harry Fosdick.

### **Morning Schedule in Hoversten Chapel and via Zoom**

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| 10:00 am: | <b>Welcome</b> by Rev. Babette Chatman, Augsburg University Campus Pastor and Director of Campus Ministries<br><b>Greeting</b> by Paul C. Pribbenow, Augsburg University President<br><b>Introduction</b> to the Fosdick Lecture by Rev. Greg Renstrom |
| 10:10 am: | <b>Lecture</b> “Hearing. Helping. Healing Our Neighbors with Mental Health Challenges.” Senator John Marty and Mindy Greiling  |
| 11:00 am: | <b>Q &amp; A Session</b>   |
| 11:20 am: | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:30 am: | <b>Daily Chapel</b> in Hoversten Chapel, Pastor Aaron Fuller, Our Father’s Lutheran Church, Rockford, MN   |
| 11:50 am: | <b>Go in peace</b>   |

# Daily Chapel

## Worship as part of the Fosdick Lecture on Preaching

*Welcome to Campus Ministry's Daily Chapel at Augsburg University.  
We are blessed by your presence among us.*

**PRELUDE**    *Sonata in A Minor, Op 16 II. Poco Adagio*

Mykola Lysenko  
Brian De Young, piano

## WELCOME/INVOCATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this time of worship honest with ourselves and each other that all is not right within us, within our institutions and communities, within our city, our country, and in the world.

**God of grace: grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.**

Come, let us worship God, who laughs and cries with us. Let us praise the One whose suffering encompasses the breadth of our pain, and whose delight surpasses our deepest joy.

**We worship the God who knows our thoughts and feelings even before we name them. We honor the one who welcomes our laments as well as our songs of thanksgiving.**

**May all the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God. Amen.**

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English  
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is

anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## HOMILY

Rev. Aaron Fuller

## SENDING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**    *Now Thank We All Our God*

Bach, arr. Virgil Fox  
Brian De Young, Organ

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preaching:** Rev. Aaron Fuller, Our Father's Lutheran Church in Rockford, MN

**Liturgists:** Rev. Babette Chatman and Rev. John Schwehn, Augsburg University Pastors

**Musicians:** Brian De Young, Campus Ministry Musician;

## **A Word of Gratitude**

This event was made possible by many hands and hearts. First and foremost, thank you to the Senator John Marty, Mindy Greiling, and Pastor Aaron Fuller for agreeing to enter into this venture. By the offering of your gifts, we enter again into God's hope for us and for the world. Also, to the Events staff at Augsburg University for logistics. And to Rev. Greg Renstrom and St. Ninian Press for imagining the possibility of this event.

### **Music Note:**

The one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine was last month, and to show solidarity with Ukraine and celebrate their unique cultural heritage, I have chosen to play a movement from a sonata by Mykola Lysenko (1842-1912), the Romantic Era composer most associated with Ukrainian culture. Many Ukrainian-born musicians of the time went to Moscow and St. Petersburg to study and stayed to make careers in Tsarist Russia, but Lysenko lived in Ukraine his whole life and championed a Ukrainian culture distinct from the Russian Empire.



## **Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)**

Harry Emerson Fosdick, the founding minister of Riverside Church in New York City, was regarded by Martin Luther King, Jr., as “the greatest preacher of this century.” One of liberal Protestantism’s most influential voices, Fosdick was a proponent of ecumenical Christianity, pacifism, and civil rights, whose radio sermons and writings reached millions.

Fosdick was born in Buffalo, New York, and earned his BA at Colgate University (1900), his BD at Union Theological Seminary (1903), and his MA at Columbia University (1908). Fosdick became pastor of New York City’s First Presbyterian Church in 1919. He sparked national controversy in the 1920s for challenging Christian fundamentalism’s literal reading of the Bible and rejection of historical biblical analysis, and was forced to resign from First Presbyterian in 1925 because of

it. After his resignation, millionaire John D. Rockefeller, Jr., asked Fosdick to head Park Avenue Baptist Church. When he declined because he did not “want to be known as the pastor of the richest man in the country,” Rockefeller responded: “Do you think that more people will criticize you on account of my wealth than will criticize me on account of your theology?” Fosdick accepted on the condition that the church be nondenominational, and the nonsectarian Riverside Church was born.

As Riverside’s pastor until 1946, Fosdick was also professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary. He wrote, “I am commonly thought of as a preacher, but I should not put preaching central in my ministry. Personal counseling has been central. My preaching at its best has itself been personal counseling on a group scale.

Fosdick was also a visible proponent of social gospel Christianity. In a copy of his own 1958 memoir of the boycott, *Stride Toward Freedom*, King inscribed, “If I were called upon to select the foremost prophets of our generation, I would choose you to head the list.” After receiving the book, Fosdick replied, “We are all unpayably in your debt, not only for what you did but for putting the story down where thousands of people can read it.”

Before each preaching event, Fosdick said, “My silent prayer rose each Sunday before the sermon started: ‘O God, some one person here needs what I am going to say. Help me to reach that person!’” This Fosdick Lecture in Preaching seeks to carry that prayer forward reaching out with pastoral sensitive, a call to social action, and a commitment to the God of grace found in great love story of scripture.

This material is a compilation from the Martin Luther King, Jr. and Global Freedom Struggle online encyclopedia ([kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu](http://kingencyclopedia.stanford.edu)) and the “Introduction” written by Henry Pitney Van Dusen from *Riverside Sermons* by Harry Emerson Fosdick (1958).

## Previous Fosdick Lectures

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| 2016 | <b>William Kent Krueger</b><br>Minnesota Author   | <b>“Storied by God”</b>  |
| 2017 | <b>Rev. Dr. Amy Butler</b><br>Minister<br>Riverside Church  | <b>“Good New/Bad News: Preaching the Gospel and the Headlines”</b> |
| 2018 | <b>Rev. Mark Hanson</b><br>Founding Director<br>Interfaith at Augsburg  | <b>“Unbind Them! Let Them Go! Preaching Resurrection Hope”</b>     |
| 2021 | <b>Rev. Dr. David Lose</b><br>Senior Pastor<br>Mount Olivet Luthran Church  | <b>“Does Preaching Still Matter? More than Ever!”</b>              |
| 2022 | <b>Rev. Ingrid Rasmussen</b><br>Lead Pastor<br>Holy Trinity Lutheran<br><b>Rev. Angela Khabeb</b><br>Senior Associate Pastor<br>Trinity Lutheran Church | <b>“Preaching in a Time of Crisis”</b>                             |