22nd Annual
President and Provost’s
Diversity Lecture and Cultural Arts Series

Featuring: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II
President, North Carolina NAACP (formerly)  I  Founder, Repairers of the Breach

President Kristina M. Johnson and Provost Bruce A. McPherson invite you to attend the twenty-second annual, autumn semester, Diversity Lecture and Cultural Arts Series at The Ohio State University. This program offers the campus and the Columbus community opportunities to benefit from some of the most eminent scholars, artists, and professionals who discuss and exemplify inclusive excellence through diversity.

TUESDAY
October 13, 2020
5:00 p.m.

LIVE via ZOOM
(Zoom opens at 4:50 p.m.)

A special series offered by
The Ohio State University

Free and open to the public

Virtual space is limited.
Registration required @
go.osu.edu/revbarber

Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II is a pastor and social justice advocate building a broad-based grassroots movement grounded in the moral tenets of faith-based communities to confront racial and economic inequalities in America today. As pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro, NC (since 1993), and president of the North Carolina NAACP (2005–2017), Barber approaches social justice through the lens of the ethical and moral treatment of people as laid out in the Bible, the Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Movement, and the US Constitution.

Rev. Barber has built inclusive multi-racial/interfaith coalitions that reach across gender, age, and class lines, and are dedicated to addressing poverty, inequality, and systemic racism. He also launched a series of “Moral Monday” rallies outside of the NC Statehouse to protest laws that suppressed voter turnout, cut funding for public education and healthcare, and further disenfranchised poor white, black, First Nations, and LGBTQ communities.

Barber founded Repairers of the Breach (2014), a national, morally-grounded leadership development organization. In 2016, he led a moral revival tour that covered 26 states. In 2017, he and colleagues launched a revival of the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign that was spearheaded by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.


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