

# Roots: *Belonging & Beloved*

**A retreat for college-aged  
young adults**

**Rev. Dr. Bertice Berry, Retreat Leader**

Sponsored by Canterbury St. Luke's and the  
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**April 10-12, 2026**

**Procter Center, London, Ohio**

Come away for a weekend of connection, creativity, laughter, and rest, rooted in the simple truth that **you belong**, and **you are beloved**.

This retreat invites you to explore storytelling as a gentle, life-giving practice. Through guided reflection, shared listening, and creative exercises, we'll discover how our stories connect us to our roots, ourselves, and to one another.

We hope you will leave empowered to be the author of your story!



Sociologist, Bertice Berry, PhD. is, a best-selling author and award winning lecturer has been named Comedian of The Year, Lecturer of the Year and Entertainer of the Year. She has published 11 best-selling books in both fiction and non-fiction and has won numerous awards and accolades for both her writing and presentations.

Berry has had her own nationally syndicated television show and has hosted, interviewed and made numerous television, documentary and radio appearances on a variety of diverse venues including The Tonight Show, Oprah Winfrey, Between The Lions, Crossfire, 20-20, NPR, PBS and Comedy Central and CNN.

Berry has used her unique gifts and talents as a writer and ghost writer for others on a wide range of topics including race and gender issues, sociological studies, stratification, healthcare reform, humor, spirituality, sexuality, slavery and the abolitionist movement, weight loss and wellness, relationships, servant leadership, transformational leadership, diversity and love.

Berry has led parades, had classrooms named after her and has been awarded over 10 honorary doctorates. She earned her own doctoral degree from Kent State University at the age of 26 and still sees her most fulfilling achievement and role in life as that of mother to her 5 adopted children.

“If you ain’t dead, you ain’t done,” a character in one of Berry’s novels says.

Berry believes that every one of us has been given a unique purpose and it is our obligation to find it and use it to improve first our own self and then for those we live and work with.