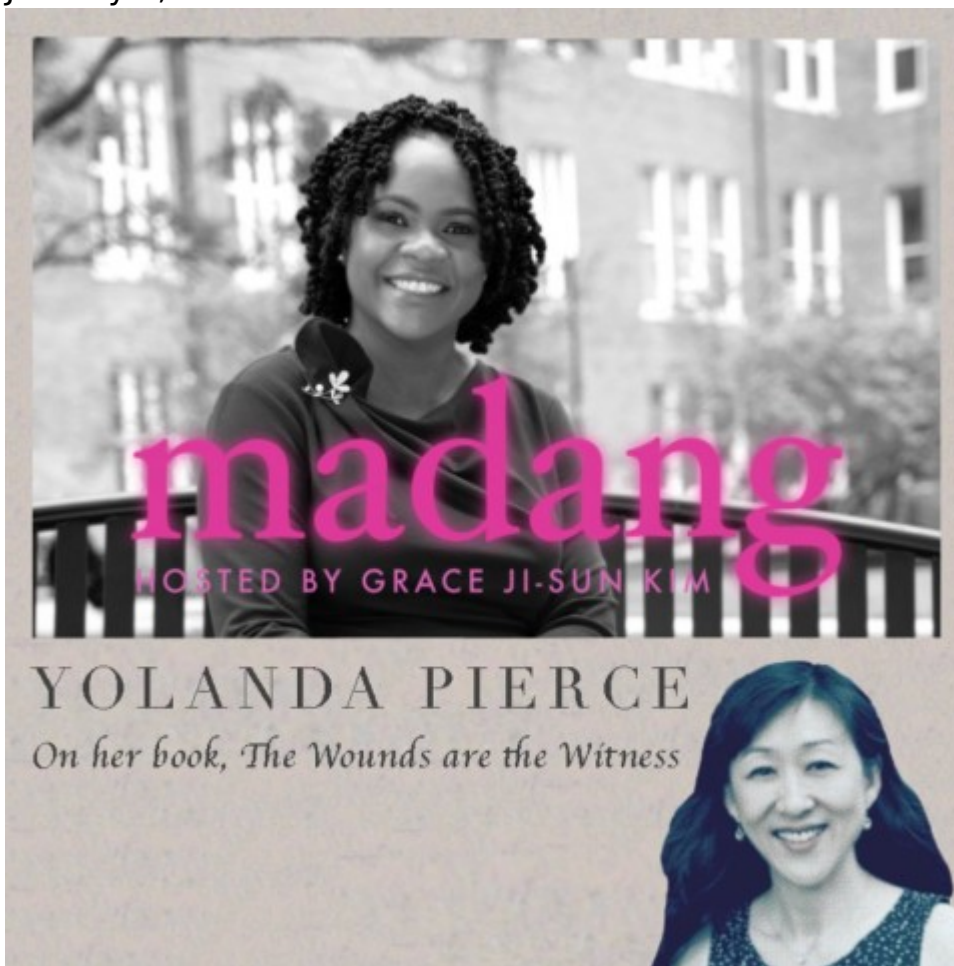


Episode 45: Theologian Yolanda Pierce, author of *The Wounds Are the Witness*

A conversation with Yolanda Pierce about storefront churches, the stories in our bones, wounded healers, and more

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