

## MEDITATIONS

Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by, Lord, by and by?  
There's a better home awaiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.  
~Author Unknown, Traditional

A human being has so many skins inside, covering the depths of the heart. We know so many things, but we don't know ourselves! Why, thirty or forty skins or hides, as thick and hard as an ox's or bear's, cover the soul. Go into your own ground and learn to know yourself there.  
~Meister Eckhart

Everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the power of the world always works in circles, and everything tries to be round.... This center which is here, but which we know is really everywhere, is Wakan-Tanka.  
~Black Elk

I understood at a very early age that in nature, I felt everything I should feel in church but never did. Walking in the woods, I felt in touch with the universe and with the spirit of the universe.  
~Alice Walker

We circle around, we circle around  
The boundaries of the earth  
We circle around, we circle around  
The boundaries of the Earth  
Wearing our long wing feathers as we fly  
Wearing our long wing feathers as we fly  
We circle around, we circle around  
The boundaries of the sky  
~Arapaho Native American Song

## staff

### people of the congregation – community ministers

<b>cy albertson</b> – accompanist	<b>laura e. memorris</b> – business administrator
<b>tim brace</b> – music and arts director	<b>larry roberts</b> – weekend sexton
<b>sid hall</b> – minister of celebration	<b>aimee villaret</b> – teacher
<b>elyse jensen</b> – teacher	<b>shelley walters</b> – dir. of community life

### a people with a mission

trinity united methodist church is a dynamic community of people who, through their trust in god's faithfulness, strive to provide an inclusive, joyful, loving, and caring environment. in this community, people can find spiritual nurture and growth, mutual support of individual needs, and a sense of family. reaching out through vital and creative worship, people-centered programs, and social and environmental stewardship, this congregation serves the local and global communities.

### a people committed to inclusiveness

trinity is a congregation that welcomes and affirms all people inclusive of race, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic class, or education level. trinity has been a reconciling congregation since 1992.

### a creation-centered community

trinity supports **creation spirituality**, a movement that draws on ancient spiritual traditions and contemporary science to awaken authentic mysticism, revitalize christianity and western culture, and promote social and ecological justice.

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**The Power of Myth For Our Life and Spirituality:  
A Winter Sermon Series by Sid Hall**

In the early 1980s, I found myself in an unprecedented (for me) crisis of faith. I no longer felt that my long-held, conventional beliefs were tenable. Was this the time to step away from seminary, faith in general, and Christianity in particular? After confiding in my professor of Jewish Studies, Rabbi Jack Bemporad, he suggested that I explore the world of myth and archetypes before I abandon my faith altogether. The books he recommended were C. G. Jung's *Memories, Dreams, Reflections*; Mircea Eliade's *The Sacred and the Profane*; and Joseph Campbell's *Myths to Live By*. The ideas in these texts changed my life and my understanding of spirituality. And, I stayed the course of seminary, faith, and Christianity—but differently than before.

Shortly after arriving at Trinity in 1988, I learned that Joseph Campbell, who had died the year before, had collaborated with Bill Moyers and Austin's Betty Sue Flowers, in a new PBS series, "The Power of Myth." In the fall of 1988, Betty Sue presented an 8-evening preview of the series for the Austin community before its premier on PBS. Mary Uherek from Trinity attended the series with me. Since then, "The Power of Myth" has become one of the most popular PBS series ever to appear on television. Campbell had struck a chord.

For 9 weeks this winter, I will explore Campbell's themes and conclude with one of my own in relation to our spiritual journeys. I will bring into each sermon a discussion of biblical myths, as well as other mythological frameworks, to unpack each theme. The Sunday themes are:

**January 11: Myth and the Modern World // January 18: The Journey Inward**  
**January 25: The First Storytellers // February 1: Sacrifice and Bliss**  
**February 8: The Hero's Adventure // February 15: The Gift of the Goddess**  
**February 22: Tales of Love and Marriage // March 1: Masks of Eternity**  
**March 8: Thinking Mythologically as a Christian**



"the power of myth for  
our life and spirituality:  
masks of eternity"

sid hall



## 3/1/15 order of service 10:30 – 11:45 am

### befriending creation

#### song of preparation \*

"ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round"  
*african-american spiritual*  
ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,  
turn me 'round, turn me 'round.  
ain't gonna let nobody, turn me 'round.  
i'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-  
talkin',  
marchin' on to freedom land.  
ain't gonna let no hatred turn me 'round,  
turn me 'round, turn me 'round.  
ain't gonna let no hatred, turn me 'round.  
i'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-  
talkin',  
marchin' on to freedom land.  
ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round,  
turn me 'round, turn me 'round.  
ain't gonna let injustice turn me 'round,  
i'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-  
talkin',  
marchin' on to freedom land.  
i'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-  
talkin',  
marchin' on to freedom land.

#### call to celebration \*

directions for the celebration of sacred  
space, by lindsey carmichael (2011),  
adapted by sid hall (2014)

#### gathering song \*

"for the beauty of the earth" arr. rutter  
for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of  
the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies, over and around  
us lies;

## 10:30 – 11:45 am

#### chorus:

lord of all, to thee we raise this our  
joyful hymn of praise.

for the beauty of each hour, of the  
day and of the night  
hill and vale, and tree and flower  
sun and moon, and stars of light, sun  
and moon, and stars of light.

#### chorus x 2

#### song \*

"turn, turn, turn" (insert)

### befriending letting go

#### call to prayer

"prayer is not asking. it is a longing  
of the soul. it is daily admission of  
one's weakness.... it is better in  
prayer to have a heart without  
words, than words without a heart."  
~gandhi

(silent prayer)

### befriending creativity

#### trinity celebration choir

#### readings

ezekiel 1:1, 4-5, 15-21  
joseph campbell in *the power of  
myth*

#### message

"the power of myth for our life and  
spirituality: masks of eternity"  
by sid hall

#### communion

**note:** please turn off or silence your phones.

# update



**Special 1st Sunday Potluck, Today** – Please join us after the service for a special edition of our First-Sunday Potluck. We'll be continuing our discussion about the possibility of aligning with the UCC. Trinity would maintain its UMC affiliation but also develop a UCC affiliation. Today's discussion will include plenty of time for questions and comments from those in attendance. Trinity's Leadership Team wants to be sure that we fully consider the benefits and concerns that could accompany this potential relationship.

By the way, even if you didn't bring a dish to share, please feel free to attend and enjoy lunch with your Trinity friends and family. We always have lots of delicious food, and many Trinity folks are known for their culinary flair. Join us!



**It's Time to Order Your Easter Lilies!** – With Easter a little more than a month away, it's time to place your order for Easter lilies, in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet being passed around during the service over the next few weeks. You can also order lilies by emailing your info to Shelley at [mail@tumc.org](mailto:mail@tumc.org). Lilies are \$15 each (our cost).

**Mark Your Calendars Now for Our May 2015 Retreat** – While the details are still being worked out, we wanted to alert everyone now to an exciting event scheduled for May 15-17, 2015. Led by Will Taegel, the retreat will combine shamanic stories, psychological models, philosophic observation, and scientific exploration in a variety of teaching and experiential modalities. Dr. Taegel's current focus is on eco-fields, which is an integration of ecology and quantum fields,

and the need to balance human nature with Mother Nature. The retreat will take place here at Trinity.

Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks!

## order of service, cont.

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### befriending compassion

#### song for centering

“spirit of life” by carolyn mcdade

spirit of life, come unto me. sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion, blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. roots hold me close; wings set me free: spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

### offering of our gifts of money for nurture and justice

please place gifts on the offering table.

**wooden bowl:** regular offering  
**basket:** special offering & coffee fund  
**glass jar:** loose change

### we go forth to celebrate

#### announcements

#### passing of the peace \*

you're invited to greet those around you by saying “peace be with you” or other words of welcome.

#### welcoming of the children song

(new words by debby loomis)

jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world,  
big or little, short or tall, jesus loves  
them one and all,  
jesus loves the little children of the  
world.

#### song of thanksgiving \*

“tis the gift to be simple” (insert)

#### benediction \*

#### benedictory response \*

“trees of the field”  
adapted from isaiah 55:12

you shall go out with joy and be led forth  
with peace; the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you; there'll be  
shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

and all the trees of the field will clap their

hands, <clap clap>  
the trees of the field will clap their  
hands, <clap clap>  
the trees of the field will clap their  
hands, <clap clap>  
while you go out with joy. (repeat)

\* *standing as able*

## welcome!



it is a delight to have you share in this celebration. there are often people here for the first time, time, and we hope everyone feels welcome. a short introduction to trinity can be found on the back of this bulletin.

if you have a question, feel free to ask a staff person or someone near you who looks like they know what they are doing. they just might! you can learn more about trinity's mission and vision, or what it means to be a member of the church by contacting our pastor, dr. sid hall, at [sid@tumc.org](mailto:sid@tumc.org).

## visitors

if you are visiting trinity for the first time, would like to update your member information, or want to volunteer, please use one of our envelopes on the chair backs. you may leave the envelopes in the basket during the offertory. thank you!

## greetings

join sid by the north doors of the sanctuary for greetings after the celebration.

## better than the a-list...

you can get on our e-list at <http://bit.ly/1614whY>!

- **trinity news and events list:** subscribers currently receive a weekly update and special announcements.
- **children's corner and youth news lists:** subscribers will soon begin receiving periodic newsletters and announcements.

## envelopes

envelopes can be used to:

- provide or update your contact info;
- sign up for email updates or to volunteer;
- ensure your contribution goes to the correct fund and is credited to your giving statement.

simply put the envelope in an offering basket.

## parking

help us be good neighbors! please park across speedway in either of our two lots, or in on-street spaces around trinity. avoid the lot immediately to the east of our building, bus zones, the loading zone in the front, bike lanes, or anywhere reserved for other businesses/entities. thank you!

## special offering

### out youth

founded in 1990, out youth has grown and changed over the past 24 years, but the organization has always retained its most important facet – providing a safe space for lgbtq youth to feel connected, receive support, and make friends who understand them and who they are. out youth serves central texas lgbtq youth and their allies with programs, resources, and services to ensure that these young people have the opportunity to develop into happy, healthy, successful adults.

### fair trade coffee fund



just write “coffee fund” on your donation and place it in the special offering basket. your donation allows us to serve fair trade coffee on sundays and at other church events.

## we love our

### readers counters

- ♥ bob german
- ♥ light german
- ♥ alison bartley
- ♥ mike dellens

### greeters

- ♥ gary brown
- ♥ leeann tacchi

### other volunteers

- ♥ adult nurture team
- ♥ the carlson family: delicious homemade cookies
- ♥ michelle renee edwards: bulletins
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ susie tacchi: kitchen laundry
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up

“law and justice are not always the same.”  
~gloria steinem