

MEDITATIONS

They have no shame, no honor, no fear for what is to come. They are secure, says Love. Their doors are open. No one can harm them.

~Marguerite Porete

The point is not that Jesus was a good guy who accepted everybody, and thus we should do the same (though that would be good). Rather, his teachings and behavior reflect an alternative social vision. Jesus was not talking about how to be good and how to behave within the framework of a domination system. He was a critic of the domination system itself.

~Marcus J. Borg

The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being overwhelmed by the tribe. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself.

~Friedrich Nietzsche

Courage is like – it’s a habitus, a habit, a virtue: you get it by courageous acts. It’s like you learn to swim by swimming. You learn courage by couraging....

Courage to be is the key to the revelatory power of the feminist revolution.

~Mary Daly

staff

people of the congregation – community ministers

cy albertson –
accompanist
tim brace –
music and arts director
sid hall –
minister of celebration
elyse jensen –
teacher
laura e. mc Morris –
business administrator

erica molina –
teacher
larry roberts –
weekend sexton
aimee villaret –
children’s teacher
shelley walters –
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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Three-Sunday Lenten Sermon Series

Wicked Women: Three Female Mystics and Martyrs Who Can Teach Us About the Meaning of Jesus’ Crucifixion

On the three Sundays leading up to Easter, Sid will be doing a series on female mystics and martyrs in the Christian tradition as a way to highlight the actions Jesus undertook that led to his execution by Roman authorities. Women are often overlooked in the Christian tradition, yet they have powerful stories to tell about what it means to walk the talk of one’s principles, even to the point to death. Like Jesus, these three women were not people who had a death wish. Instead, they held such deep convictions for love and justice on earth that the prevailing authorities felt compelled to silence them.

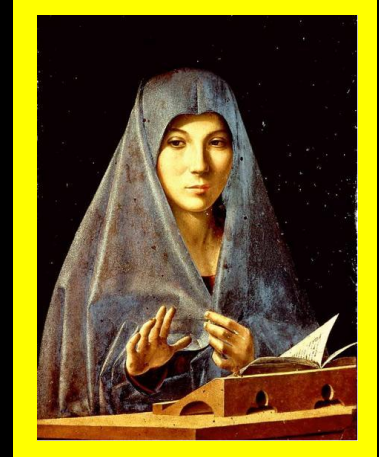
- ❖ March 15: “Wicked Women: The Martyrdom of Perpetua of Carthage” (181-203 CE)
- ❖ March 22: “Wicked Women: The Martyrdom of Marguerite Porete” (1250-1310 CE)
- ❖ March 29: “Wicked Women: The Martyrdom of Joan of Arc” (1412-1431 CE)

note: please turn off or silence your phones.

 **trinity umc**

“wicked women:
the martyrdom of
marguerite porete ”

sid hall



3/22/15 order of service 10:30 – 11:45 am

befriending creation

song of preparation *

“get on board”
african-american spiritual

chorus:
get on board, little children (× 3)
there’s room for many a more
get on board, little children (× 3)
there’s room for many a more

the train of light’s a-coming
i hear it just at hand
i hear the car wheels rumblin’
and rollin’ through the land

chorus

the fare is cheap and all can go
the rich and poor are there
no second class aboard this train
no difference in the fare

chorus

call to celebration *

adapted from diann neu

one: in my life there is community...

all: in my life there is joy to share...

one: in my life there are endless
possibilities...

**all: in my life there are moments of
strength...**

one: in my life there is a spiritual home...

all: in my life there is shared love...

one: in my life there is a spiritual home...

**all: in my life there are liberating
struggles...**

one: in my life there are people who “hear
me into speech”...

**all: in my life there is wealth
through resource sharing
and networking...**

one: in my life there is freedom to
use and develop my skills...

**all: and, in my life there is a
circle of friendship and a
god who loves me beyond
comprehension. amen.**

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;

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 × 2

song *

“celebrate the good creation” (*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*

update



It’s Time to Order Your Easter Lilies! – With Easter just 2 weeks from now, time’s running out to place your order for Easter lilies, in honor of and/or in memory of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet being passed around during the service. You can also order lilies by emailing your info to Shelley at mail@tumc.org. Lilies are \$15 each (our cost).

Speaking of Easter ... – Please join us in 2 weeks for an uplifting Easter celebration. We’ll have 2 services: 9 am and 10:30 am. We’re also continuing our Trinity Easter tradition of having breakfast tacos & casseroles, donuts from Mrs. Johnson’s, and other goodies. Our children’s program will offer special activities for the little ones in your life.

We’re looking forward to seeing you on April 5th!



It’s an Easter Egg Hunt! – Kids of all ages are invited to join us on Sat., April 4th at 10 am in Shipe Park for an Easter egg hunt. We’ll have snacks for youngsters and adults. Plan to run around and look for hidden eggs, then spend time playing and hanging out. Parents, if you have friends or neighbors with kids who’d enjoy being part of Trinity’s Easter fun at the park, please invite them along. We’d love to share our children’s program with some new folks.

Shipe Park is located at 4400 Avenue G. (It borders W. 45th St. about halfway between Speedway & Duval.) The event is free, and all are welcome!

Plan Ahead for the 6th Annual MFSA BOPA Recycling Event, 4/18 – The Rio TX Chapter of MFSA is sponsoring its 6th annual residential recycling collection on Saturday, April 18. The event will be held at Memorial UMC, 6100 Berkman Dr., from 8:00

am – 10:30am. Simply drive up, provide your zip code, and volunteers will help unload your items. They can only accept these items: Batteries of all kinds; Oil of all kinds (in a closed container); Paint of all kinds, wet or dry (in a closed container); & Antifreeze (in a closed container). For more info, contact Anne Mund at ennadnum@hotmail.com.



Recycle Your Unwanted or Broken Electronics – The Student Engineering Council at UT-Austin is sponsoring an E-E-Cycling Day from 8 am – 4 pm on Saturday, March 28th. Types of items accepted include computers, power supplies, modems, cables & wires, fax machines, MP3 players, cell phones, scanners, printers, copiers, TVs, DVD/VCR players, cameras, batteries, toasters, & microwaves. Drop-off location is UT Parking Lot 115, at the corner of E. MLK Jr. Blvd. & E. 20th St.

order of service, cont.

after each sharing, the leader will say, “healing and joyful spirit...” and the people respond, “receive our prayer.”

prayer of jesus (together)

from the elca book of worship

our parent god who is within us,
we celebrate your many names.
your wisdom come,
your will be done unfolding from the depths within us.
each day you give us all that we need.
you remind us of our limits, and we let go.

you support us in our power,
and we act with courage,
for you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us,
and the celebration among us,
now and forever. amen.

befriending creativity

trinity celebration choir

readings

john 19:9-16;
sid hall & jim harrington, *three mystics walk into a tavern*, p. 117.

message

“wicked women: the martyrdom of marguerite porete ” (1250-1310 c.e.)
by sid hall

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

earth prayer

spring equinox directions, author unknown

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 *

“it is well with my soul”
hymnal #377, verses 1, 2, & 4

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.

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

hope food pantry

open 2 days each week, hope food pantry is located here at trinity and provides groceries to over 80 families a week. hope’s clients are older adults, single parents, the homeless, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and people with disabilities. your generous donations allow hope to continue distributing the basic staples of rice and beans, canned fruit and vegetables, tuna, pasta and spaghetti sauce, and a few choice items each week to those in need.



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

- ♥ jimmy alan hall ♥ deb campbell
- ♥ joanne holladay ♥ loel graber

greeters

- ♥ lee gordon
- ♥ debby loomis

other volunteers

- ♥ emily albrecht: kitchen laundry
- ♥ loel graber: sunday set-up
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up
- ♥ trinity staff-parish relations team

“it is justice, not charity, that is wanting in the world.” ~mary wollstonecraft