

## MEDITATIONS

Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you.  
~Jesus (in the Gospel of Thomas)

And the day came when the risk it took to remain tight inside the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.  
~Anais Nin

"Come to the edge."  
"We can't. We're afraid."  
"Come to the edge."  
"We can't. We will fall!"  
"Come to the edge."  
And they came.  
And he pushed them.  
And they flew.  
~Guillaume Apollinaire

## 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. mcmorris** –  
business administrator  
**larry roberts** –  
weekend sexton  
**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 educational 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**

 **trinity**

"the power of  
myth for our life  
and spirituality:  
the inner journey"  
**sid hall**



**1/18/15 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 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 \*

martin luther king day directions, by  
christine kraemer, adapted from the  
speeches of mlk, jr.

#### 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 x 2

#### song \*

"lift every voice and sing"  
*hymnal #519*

### 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

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

### befriending creativity

#### trinity celebration choir

#### readings

isaiah 6:1-13;  
joseph campbell in *the power of  
myth*

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

# update



**America's Sunday Supper & Peace Through Pie Social, TODAY** – Trinity is combining its ongoing “Dignity, Diversity, and Dialogue” series with the annual America's Sunday Supper and Peace Through Pie Social. Join us today, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm to 8 pm for “Sincere Ignorance and Conscientious Stupidity: A Conversation on Race, Privilege, and Power.”

Returning facilitators Jeremy Solomons and Dr. Kazique Prince will create a safe space for dialogue and provide thought-provoking questions and activities. This is a unique event where you can learn ways to promote social justice while eating delicious food!

This is a potluck Peace Through Pie Social – so bring a pie (savory or sweet) to share!



**A New Session of Wellsprings of Wisdom Is Underway!** –Wellsprings of Wisdom (WOW) is a program designed to provide opportunities to explore, question, discuss, and grow. WOW is about fellowship, not fundraising. If you'd like to attend but are unable to pay the full amount, please talk with Sid.

We're offering 2 classes to choose from in this first Winter Session:

- ❖ “We Circle Around the Boundaries of the Earth: A Class on Creation Spirituality and the Elements of Trinity Worship” by Sid Hall
- ❖ “The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself” by Russ Harper

While classes met for the first time on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, you can still register and attend the remaining 4 class meetings. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/Wellsprings> or

send your request to Shelley at [mail@tumc.org](mailto:mail@tumc.org).

**Reception Today for Shelley Walters, Our New Director of Community Life** – You're invited to a reception in the Community Hall after the service today to meet Trinity's new Director of Community Life, Shelley Walters. She brings extensive experience and knowledge in programs, planning, youth development, and spiritual communities. Please introduce yourself and give a warm welcome to Shelley. We're grateful she's here!

**MLK Day Walk** – The MLK Community March kicks off on Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am with a short program at the MLK Statue on the University of Texas campus. The march will then proceed to the historic Huston-Tillotson University campus for a variety of exciting and meaningful activities for all. See [www.mlkcelebration.com/](http://www.mlkcelebration.com/) for more info.

**3M Half Marathon: Next Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** – Please see the insert for traffic disruptions due to the race. The route to Trinity will be affected for those who live in areas to the north and the west of Hyde Park.

## order of service, cont.

### message

“the power of myth for our life and spirituality: the inner journey”  
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

#### 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 \*

“we shall overcome” *hymnal #533*

#### 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)

#### ritual of joining

liturgy adapted by sid hall from the umc  
book of worship

*pastor:* as members of trinity united  
methodist church, will you faithfully  
participate in its ministries by your  
prayers, your presence, your gifts, and  
your service?

*new member or members:* i will.

*pastor:* members of the household of god,  
i commend these persons to your love  
and care. do all in your power to  
strengthen their faith, confirm their  
hope, and perfect them in love.

*congregation:* **we give thanks for all  
that god has already given you,  
and we welcome you in love. as  
members with you in the body of  
christ and in trinity united  
methodist church, we renew our  
commitment to faithfully  
participate in the ministries of the  
church and to the work of justice  
and compassion on earth as it is  
in heaven. amen.**

\* *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

### human relations day

human relations day is one of the umc's  
programs dedicated to helping individuals  
overcome injustice and offering empowerment  
opportunities for those struggling to survive.  
human relations day strengthens united  
methodist outreach to communities in the united  
states and puerto rico, encouraging social justice  
and work with at-risk youth.

### 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

- ♥ candy gross
- ♥ leonor celli-vargas
- ♥ emily albrecht
- ♥ paulette delahoussaye

### greeters

- ♥ lee gordon
- ♥ debby loomis

### other volunteers

- ♥ michelle renee edwards: bulletins
- ♥ krista gregory: kitchen laundry
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ austin hardin: gluten-free communion bread
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up

“the time is always right to do what is right.”  
~dr. martin luther king, jr.