



MEDITATIONS

The author of the Gospel of Judas wasn't against martyrdom, and he didn't ever insult the martyrs. He said it's one thing to die for God if you have to do that. But it's another thing to say that's what God wants, that this is a glorification of God.
~Elaine Pagels

It was not enough to come and listen to a great sermon or message every Sunday morning and be confined to those four walls and those four corners. You had to get out and do something.
~John Lewis

I want to stand alone in front of the world and that oncoming tank
Like that Chinese boy that we all have to thank
He showed us in a picture that I have mounted
Exactly what it means to stand and be counted.
~David Crosby (Crosby, Stills, Nash, & Young)

Let us all be brave enough to die the death of a martyr, but let no one lust for martyrdom.
~Mahatma Gandhi

staff

people of the congregation – community ministers

cy albertson – accompanist	erica molina – teacher
tim brace – music & arts director	larry roberts – weekend sexton
sid hall – minister of celebration	shelley walters – dir. of community life
elyse jensen – teacher	aimee villaret – teacher
laura e. mc Morris – business administrator	



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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Three-Sunday Lenten Sermon Series

Wicked Women: Three Female Mystics and Martyrs Who Can Teach Us About the Meaning of Jesus's 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)



"wicked women:
the martyrdom of
perpetua of carthage"
sid hall



3/15/15 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 (x 3)
there's room for many a more
get on board, little children (x 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 *

saint patrick's breastplate directions
by christine kraemer

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 *
"anam cara" (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

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

befriending creativity

trinity celebration choir

readings

luke 13:31-35;
rosie the riveter by redd evans &
john jacob loeb

message

"wicked women: the martyrdom of
perpetua of carthage" (181-203 ce)

note: please turn off or silence your phones.

UPDATE



It's Time to Order Your Easter Lilies! – With Easter just a few weeks from now, it's time 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).

Hildegard's Sisters Are Meeting Today – The women's spirituality group at Trinity, Hildegard's Sisters, will meet in the Community Hall today after the service. They'll continue February's discussion of *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. And in the spirit of the workers' rights theme of the novel, they'll talk about how to choose products made by workers who are treated and paid fairly. Rides home will be available.



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!

order of service, cont. 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 *

“weave” (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)

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(s): 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.

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 us 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

cold weather shelter

during cold weather months when freezing
temperatures are forecast overnight, trinity hosts
30 homeless men on thursday nights. we make
hot coffee, cook dinner and breakfast, and
provide our guests with blankets and sheets, as
well as towels for showering. today's offering will
purchase food and other items needed for this
longtime trinity ministry.

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 volunteers!

readers counters

- ♥ kathleen davis ♥ kathleen davis
- ♥ barb lighthouse ♥ leeann tacchi

greeters

- ♥ the carlsons

other volunteers

- ♥ emily albrecht: bulletins, kitchen laundry
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up
- ♥ trinity teams: adult nurture, finance, leadership, & grants

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