

MEDITATIONS

It is not power that corrupts but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it.
~daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Been down the road to Damascus,
The road to Mandalay. Met the ghost of Caesar on the Appian way.
He said, "it's hard to stop this bingeing, once you get a taste.
but the road to empire is a bloody stupid waste."
~Don Henley & Glenn Frey (The Eagles)

I was there, I heard the crackling of the palms
He came upstairs and had the curtains drawn
This is my body
keep your stomachs full
This is my blood
Let's get drunk on soul

Got me in a sleeperhold
and you won't let me go...

I was dropped down on a dirt brown field
I watched the sun rise over me
I wanted the heavens to open like a saloon door
but all I heard was a cock crow
What have I done? I cried inside
and my spine turned ice cold

Got me in a sleeperhold
and you won't let me go...
~Al James (Dolorean)

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

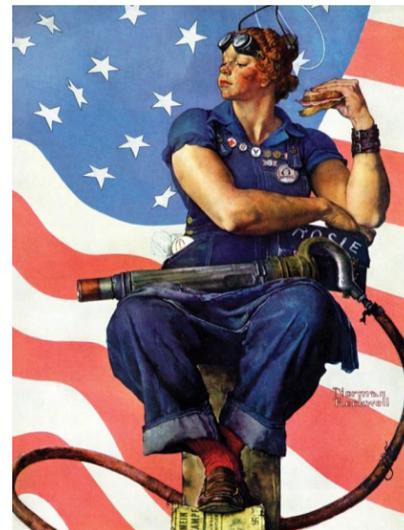
Trinity is a congregation that welcomes and affirms all people inclusive of race, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic class, or educational level. Trinity has been a Reconciling congregation since 1992.

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)

 trinity

"wicked women:
the martyrdom of
joan of arc"
sid hall



palm sunday

3/29/15 order of service 10:30 – 11:45 am

introit

trinity celebration choir

befriending creation

call to celebration *

palm sunday 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 *

"mantos y palmas"
hymnal #279

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 earth band

readings

mark 14:66-72;
"joan of arc" by leonard cohen

message

"wicked women: the martyrdom of
joan of arc" (1412-1431 c.e.)

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.

note: please turn off or silence your phones.

UPDAT

Extra Special April Potluck! – Join us in two weeks, on Sunday, April 12th, to celebrate the release of *Three Mystics Walk Into a Tavern* by Sid Hall & Jim Harrington. Sid will sign copies of his new book and also read some of his favorite excerpts. Our monthly potluck will accompany the book release, so please bring a dish to share with other Trinity folks. The potluck starts right after the service.

Trinity Games Night – Come one, come all to the next round of Trinity Games Night, from 7–10 pm on Friday, April 3rd. The lovely and talented Paulette Delahoussaye will host the event at her home, 4707 Eilers Ave. (78751). Board games are provided, but you're always welcome to bring your own. Some snacks and drinks will be available, but it's always nice to bring some along. All ages are welcome. The main games are oriented to adults and teens, but younger children can find activities. However, no childcare is available. For more info, you can contact Paulette at 512-632-7183.

Jewish Voice for Peace Palestinian Liberation Seder – On Tuesday, April 7th at 7 pm here at Trinity, JVP will celebrate their Passover Seder with a unique difference. Traditionally, the Jewish festival of Passover is the celebration of the Jewish people's liberation from Egyptian bondage. This Seder will differ from the usual celebration by being interfaith and political. Seder participants will reinterpret the traditional symbols of the Jewish people's liberation of Palestine. Everyone is invited to be part of the event. If you'd like to attend the Seder, the group asks that you RSVP to mail@tumc.org so they'll be able to accurately plan for the evening.

JVP works for liberation everywhere, but especially in Palestine. JVP is one of the few Jewish peace groups supporting the call from Palestinian civil society for Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS). Supporters believe that BDS is the only thing that will seriously force Israel to the negotiating table.

RMN Convocation's Early Registration Ends April 1st – If you're planning on attending the Reconciling Ministries Network Convocation in San Antonio, August 6–9, then now's the time to register! "Gather at the River," sponsored by RMN and MFSA, will feature Rev. Frank Schaefer and Bishop Melvin Talbert as guest speakers. Early registration closes on Wednesday, April 1st. Single-day registration is also available. For details, see www.rmnetwork.org/newrmn/gather2015/

Trinity's Social Justice Class: Guest Speaker on April 12th – You're invited to attend the Social Justice class in 2 weeks when a rep from the City of Austin's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development department will discuss affordable housing policies as well as physical planning, urban design, and sustainable development practices. The class meets at 9:30 am in the Social Justice room, which is in the northeast corner of the building.

order of service, cont.

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

vocal duet: loel graber & tim brace

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 *

"hosanna, loud hosanna" (*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)

special offering

one great hour of sharing

your generous gift benefits the united methodist committee on relief (umcor), located at the general board of global ministries. this offering provides administrative support for umcor as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world, which allows the organization to keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes.



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

- ♥ paula buls
- ♥ emily albrecht
- ♥ candy gross
- ♥ leeann tacchi
- ♥ dave robinson
- ♥ sharon starrett

greeters

- ♥ mary pratt
- ♥ leeann tacchi

other volunteers

- ♥ emily albrecht: kitchen laundry
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up
- ♥ trinity adult nurture team

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

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!

* standing as able