

MEDITATIONS

No reason to get excited,
The thief – he kindly spoke,
There are many here among us
Who feel that life is but a joke
But you and I, we've been through that
And this is not our fate
So let us not talk falsely now
The hour's getting late.
~Bob Dylan

What would it be like if you lived each day,
each breath, as a work of art in progress?
Imagine that you are a Masterpiece unfolding,
every second of every day, a work of art taking
form with every breath.
~Thomas Crum

If there is a book that you want to read, but it
hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to
write it.
~Toni Morrison

You choose to believe what you want, and you
choose to do what you do. First comes life, then
comes law. You are still responsible. You
cannot hide behind anything. Since when does
religious tradition permit you to short-circuit
any morally uncomfortable decision?
~Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

The difficulty we have in accepting
responsibility for our behavior lies in the desire
to avoid the pain of the consequences of that
behavior.
~M. Scott Peck

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 –
director 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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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

APRIL 5, 2015 Easter

Pledge Contributions	\$5,510
Loose Plate	\$1,840

Special Offering

Easter Offering	\$2,454.74
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Please note that all money collected for apportionment-related special offerings will be disbursed to the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC. All non-apportionment money collected will be disbursed to the relevant organization in charge of the program. All other funds will be used at the discretion of Trinity's Finance Team and administration.

"The Gospel of Thomas as a Doubters' Guide to Living the Questions"

Sid's 6-week sermon series on the Gospel of Thomas continues. The dates and titles in this series include:

April 5th: Being Is Believing | April 12th: What Lies Beneath |

April 19th: Who Do You Say You Are? | April 26th: Heaven Is Under Your Feet |

May 3rd: Our Beginning Is Our Ending | May 10th: Don't Follow Me

note: please turn off or silence your phones.



"who do you
say you are?"
sid hall

4/19/15 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 *

sound directions by sid hall

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 *

"colorful creator" (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

gospel of thomas, logions 12-13;
reflections on stephen covey's habit
#1, "be proactive," by maxine from
www.theleadertoftomorrow.com

message

"who do you say you are?" by
sid hall

befriending compassion

song for centering

"out beyond ideas"
words by rumi; music by wilcox &
pettit

UPDAT

Diversity, Dignity, and Dialogue: Continuing the Discussion – You're invited to join us here at Trinity today, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, as we continue our series "Diversity, Dignity, and Dialogue," under the expert guidance of Dr. Kazique Prince and Jeremy Solomons. Once again, they'll help create a safe space for discussion and add their own thought-provoking questions and group activities.

We believe these dialogues are crucial in helping us examine and understand systemic bias and discrimination. These discussions are also assisting us in learning how to make sustainable, positive changes in our local community. Dr. Kazique Prince is a dynamic leader and communicator whose work includes extensive efforts in promoting diversity, inclusion, and community development. Jeremy Solomons is a highly skilled facilitator and passionate advocate for human rights and social justice.

This is a free event, and no registration is required. We look forward to seeing you there.

UMW Meets Today – Trinity's United Methodist Women are gathering in the Parlor after today's service, and they'd love for you to join them. Cathy Moore is presenting a special program topic, while Susie & LeeAnn Tacchi are bringing some delicious snacks to share.

Hildegard's Sisters Meet Today – Trinity's group dedicated to women's spirituality will get together in the Community Hall after today's service. They'll have a topic for discussion and also make plans for future guest speakers. All are invited.

Three Mystics Walk Into a Tavern
by Sid Hall & Jim Harrington

A few copies of Sid's new book are still available. You can buy it for \$25 (authors' cost). If you'd like, Sid will sign it with a personalized message. Cash and checks are accepted; make checks payable to Sid Hall. Visit Shelley in the office to nab a book while they're still hot off the presses!

Homeless Task Force Needs Help Next Sunday! – HTF needs volunteers next Sunday, April 26th, to prepare and serve food for our homeless friends downtown. Join HTF in the kitchen at 7:30 am (enter through the alley) or downtown under IH-35 between E. 7th St. & E. 8th St. at 8:30am. You can contact Rolando Perez for more info, rtpez72@gmail.com, or just talk to him before/after the service today.

Austin RMN Group Seeks Donations for "Gather at the River" Scholarships – The Reconciling Ministries Network and Methodist Foundation for Social Action are co-sponsoring the 2015 Convocation, "Gather at the River," in San Antonio from August 6th – 9th. Austin RMN leaders have set up a special account to collect funds for scholarships. As part of their efforts to promote diversity and inclusiveness, the group is seeking to pay the registration and housing for attendees who might otherwise be unable to afford to go. To donate, please visit www.gofundme.com/riotexasgather15. Your support allows a young person or low-income individual to participate in this exciting event. Thank you!

order of service, cont.

[chorus] out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing
there is a field. i'll meet you there.

[repeat chorus]

when the soul lies down in the grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
ideas, language, even the phrase "each other" doesn't make any sense.

[chorus]

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 *

"i am who i am, i will be who i will be"
(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 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.

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

hill country ride for aids

the hill country ride for aids is an annual
cycling and running event in central texas that
raises money for 10 local nonprofit
organizations providing much-needed support
for thousands of central texans living with hiv
and aids. this year's ride takes place on
saturday, april 25th.



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
- ♥ mary uherek
- ♥ alison bartley
- ♥ paula buls

greeters

- ♥ aimee ayers
- ♥ mary pratt

other volunteers

- ♥ kathleen davis: sunday set-up
- ♥ jimmy alan hall: deposits
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ bernie tiede: kitchen laundry & clean up
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up
- ♥ trinity finance team & leadership team

*"every happening, great and small, is a parable
whereby god speaks to us, and the art of life is to
get the message." ~malcolm muggeridge*