

“Come with me on a journey of exploration; let's link arms in a trajectory whose direction and destiny we'll discover as we go along. Enter into the experience of searching, seeking, exploring and ...discovering. Participate in the task rather than remain a mere observer.”

- Darimud O'Murchu

Photos:

<http://hubblesite.org/gallery/>

<http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/index.html>

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O'Cean by Larkin

ADULT LENTEN STUDY

VALUES-BASED FAITH

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:30 P.M.

February 21	Awe-Wonder, Grace
February 28	Hope, Faithfulness
March 7	Love, Justice
March 14	Joy, Service
March 21	Peace, Human Dignity

Trinity's Vision:

All people know God's loving presence.

Trinity's Mission:

To inspire lives by loving God with all our soul, mind and heart and our neighbor as ourselves.

STARDUST TO DUST A DEEP TIME CREATION LITURGY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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A FEW WORDS OF INTRODUCTION ON THIS EVENING'S WORSHIP:

You are about to participate in a very different, non-traditional Ash Wednesday observance. The operative word here is “participate.” This is a self-paced contemplative liturgy in which you go from station to station on a guided pilgrimage exploring the miracle of creation with the frailty of life. Along the way, always feel free to sit in the pews at any time and pray or meditate. The liturgy is designed to be more meaningful when taken in order.

At the end of the pilgrimage you are invited, but not required, to receive ashes on your forehead as a reminder and symbol of your mortality within the mystery of immortality. You may sit on the pews provided if you need to wait on others as they receive ashes. Afterwards you may remain in the sanctuary for prayer and meditation. When you are ready to leave, please use the exit through Fellowship Hall.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The basis for this liturgy is a “cosmic walk” developed by Sister Miriam Therese McGillis of Genesis Farm in New Jersey, and is a symbolic re-enactment that helps us enter personally into the story. Participants walk along a long rope laid out in a spiral that represents the entire story of the unfolding and gradual differentiation of the Universe and the Earth from the beginning to the present. It initially seems that it is a walk along a time-line since major events in the history of the Universe and Earth are marked on the rope by small candles at appropriate distances. For example, the beginning of life on Earth is marked, as is the first flight of birds. But actually it is much more than a time-line since we don't observe passing events as objective observers looking from the outside, but we walk into and join the unfolding of our very being and that of the entire Earth and the ecosystems of which we are a part. By walking along the symbolically very long path ... we seek to identify with our history. After all, our present world is a new structuring in the Eternal Now of the very substance that was previously a long succession of other beings and relationships. *(Cosmic Walk background information written by Mary Coelho.)*

Pastor Andrew Walton, of Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian Church, has adapted this concept, adding words from the biblical creation story in Genesis, references to our Christian sacraments and symbolism, as well as visual imagery and music. Our prayer is that this service brings new dimensions and understandings of our presence and responsibility in God's creation.