

Tuesday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- The editors on [Arab Christians' fears](#): "An irony of Christian life amid the Arab Spring is that Christians have frequently been protected by the authoritarian regimes that are under attack."
- Carol Howard Merritt on [spiritual geography](#): "Just as I've come to appreciate how seasons transform the land, I've also become aware of my internal landscape. The two seem bound together in many ways."
- Stephanie Paulsell takes the seven-word-gospel challenge: "[To dwell in possibility](#)"
- Mark Labberton's [lectionary column for Sunday, November 13](#): "Being a pastor for 30 years has given me the chance to see both the gifts and the weaknesses of people up close. This vantage point sometimes makes mine one of the weirdest vocations as well as a rewarding one. My breath has been taken away by joy and by shame. It's the story of talents and tyrants told again and again." (subscription required)

In the news:

- [Saudi-Iran tensions overshadow hajj pilgrimage](#)
- [Interfaith Tokyo symposium explores attitudes toward suicide](#)