

# Monday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Bill McKibben on the [tar sands protests](#): "When news came out that Obama would get to approve or block a pipeline linking Texas refineries to the tar sands of Alberta, it was clear that it was time for more than words."
- Mary Anderson [blogs the lectionary](#): "Preachers and teachers are really missing those summer days when we got to preach on wonderful parables about mustard seeds and loaves of yeast bread. Now it's judgment-parable season, and many of us wish we were on vacation."
- I briefly review the [Son Lux album \*We Are Rising\*](#): "Earlier this year, NPR's *All Songs Considered* solicited Ryan Lott, aka Son Lux, for an experiment: could he write and record an album in one month?"

In the news:

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- [As network turns 50, Robertson bows out of politics](#)
- [Christian leaders plot ecumenical future in Indonesia](#)

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- [Occupy Wall Street FAQ](#)
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