



# Orinda Community Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

## ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10 am

**Reflection:** *It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work and when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings.* —Wendell Berry

### WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 104*

Roger Samuelson

**One:** Bless God, O my soul. God, you are very great. You are wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

**All:** You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

**One:** God, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**All:** You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**One:** The waters rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

**All:** O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise to you!

\* *Stand as you are able*

HYMN\* BH 4

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

BEETHOVEN

COMMUNITY PRAYER

*adapted from a poem by Wendell Berry*

Roger Samuelsen

**Holy One,  
We stand clear-eyed  
in the ancient faith:  
what we need is here.  
And we pray, not for new earth  
or heaven, but to be  
quiet in heart, and in our vision  
clear. What we need is here.  
Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

**One:**       The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many:**      **And also with you.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Leslie O'Brien

### **WE LISTEN**

SOLO

Nikolas Nackley

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*from Job 38; Mark 10:35-38*

SERMON

*Things Too Wonderful to Know*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

### **WE RESPOND**

HYMN\* BH 289

*Come Forth, O Love Divine*

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

\* *Stand as you are able*

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Jesslyn Thomas

DOXOLOGY\*

OLD HUNDREDTH, 1551

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

HYMN\* BH

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE

\* *Stand as you are able*

## **Orinda Community Church**

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Orinda Community Church is participating in a new endeavor! Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, under the leadership of Mary Volmer, is an interfaith arts and spirituality hub, housed within and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

## REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT THE CHURCH

- **Mondays at 9:30 am** we have centering prayer in the chapel. This is a time of silent, contemplative prayer. We begin with a reading, spend 15 minutes in silent prayer, and then offer a time for processing.
- We are piloting in-person contemplative services in the chapel on **Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.** We may offer only one Wednesday service depending on how many are in attendance. This is a short service that includes readings, music, and time for prayer. The church will continue to send out an electronic version of the contemplative service each Wednesday as well.
- Join Leslie via zoom for an interlude of uplift, refreshment and music, **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.**  
*For the link, check your eblast or go to our website:  
[orindacommunitychurch.org](http://orindacommunitychurch.org)*
- The **Theology and Scripture Group** continues to meet at **2:00 p.m. on Thursdays** via Zoom. We are now reading the second chapter in a study of Elaine Pagels' book *Beyond Belief, the secret gospel of Thomas*. Please join us for lively and meaningful conversation.  
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- **Sunday Insanity!** The Youth Group meets **immediately following services on Sunday.**

- The Writers' Group meets every other week **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** via Zoom. All are welcome. The next meeting date is **October 19<sup>th</sup>.**  
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- **CALLING ALL LADIES!** Come join Leslie for lunch in collaboration with our friends and partners down the street!  
**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda**  
**Every Thursday at 11:30 am. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!!**

**AND IN OTHER NEWS:**

Today's acolytes are Mimi McCall, Prudence Hurley and Beatrice Nackley.  
Thank you!

**AUCTION SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!!!**

**HELP WANTED! Babysitter/Nursery Nanny**

Do you know someone who might be interested in being our Baby Sitter/Nursery Nanny? We are looking for someone who is responsible, warm, loving, and fun and available to work from 9:45 am to 11:45 am on Sundays (with possible additional hours later). The job includes watching infants and toddlers. SAFE Church fingerprinting procedures will be required.

If interested, or if you know of someone who is, please email us:

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