



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, October 24, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: *Recovery can take place only within the context of relationships; it cannot occur in isolation. In renewed connection with other people, the survivor re-creates the psychological faculties that were damaged or deformed by the traumatic experience. These faculties include the basic operations of trust, autonomy, initiative, competence, identity, and intimacy.*

—Judith Lewis Herman

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

ACOLYTES

Prudence Hurley and Ava Skidgel

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Jeremiah 31

Michael Kersten

One: We ask you, "Save, O God, your people, this remnant of the faithful."

All: And God responds! God says, "See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth."

One: Among us will be the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, we shall return here.

All: With weeping we shall come.

One: And God promises to console us and lead us back.

All: This is God's holy promise: God will lead us to walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which we shall not stumble. Thanks be to God!

* *Stand as you are able*

HYMN* BH 611

O Day of God, Draw Near

Geneva, 1551

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Michael Kersten

Gentle Healer, we carry the bruises and scars of being human. Sometimes experience brings us insight and makes us stronger, but sometimes it stops us in our tracks. Bring us wisdom for discernment. We ask you to liberate us from our sadness and burdens so that we are free to become our truest selves. As we heal, we hear your call from the distance and, gradually, we hear it within our own hearts. We arise and follow you into truth, union, and wholeness. 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

Michael Kersten

Job 42: 4-5, 10-13, 16-17

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

Aftermath

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

* *Stand as you are able*

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 170

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

Lowell Mason, 1850

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.**

* *Stand as you are able*

HYMN* BH 522

I Love to Tell the Story

William Fischer, 1869

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

* *Stand as you are able*

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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.

Coming up at Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

Alta Mesa Center Reading Series:

November 14th at 4:00pm AMCA hosts an afternoon reading celebrating **ESSENTIAL TRUTHS: The Bay Area in Color**

featuring:

Joyce E. Young
Max Leung
Shizue Seigel
Vickie Y-Rong Chang
Sridevi Ramanathan
Tehmina Khan

Register for this free online event at <https://forms.gle/ZqF4mqg1dbjVzkBn7>

***Or for the link, check your eblast or go to our website:
orindacommunitychurch.org***

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.**
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- 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 19th.**
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AND IN OTHER NEWS:

Thank you to our ushers Gail Mead, John Skidgel and Lani Shepp!

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:

office@orindachurch.org



AUCTION SLIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!!!



CALLING ALL LADIES! Please 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!!!** ~