



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, July 11, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: *Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is the numbers of people all over the world who have obeyed the dictates of the leaders of their government and have gone to war, and millions have been killed because of this obedience... Our problem is that people are obedient all over the world, in the face of poverty and starvation and stupidity, and war and cruelty...That's our problem.*
— Howard Zinn

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 85

Kurt Sunderbruch

One: Let us hear what God will say, for the Divine One speaks peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: **Surely salvation is at hand for those who respect God, that God may dwell in our land.**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

One: God will give what is good, and creation will yield its increase.

All: **Righteousness will go before God, and will make a path for God's steps.**

HYMN BH 497*

Guide My Feet

African-American Traditional

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Discerning and Compassionate God, so often we get caught between impulses. We want to be ethical and work for justice, but we cannot tell what is right. Or we know what is right, but we are afraid to proceed. May your righteousness meet our faith and give us courage. Though the world is in constant flux, please be our balance, God. When we waver, we draw upon your stability. Help us to be true as you are true. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able*

WORD OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kurt Sunderbruch

Amos 7:7-15

Mark 6:17-29

SERMON

The Plumb Line

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 502*

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

REST

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And 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

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A TIME OF GIVING

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

SOLO

Jesslyn Thomas, soloist

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

Jesslyn Thomas, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN BH 588*

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ST. THOMAS

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

David Milnes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Joy Elkinton-Walker and all those who assisted in making a gorgeous brochure that highlights the beauty of our stained-glass windows and tells the story of our church.

For our youth! Monday M-A-Dness!

Music, Art and Drama in our faith journey!

Hey Youth, join Leslie for some time together. We'll be meeting at each other's homes to share in fellowship, faith exploration and fun!

Monday July 12 Overnight Retreat!

Monday, July 19 at 4 TBD

Monday, July 26 at 4 TBD



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.

Please join us for our next online reading and presentation, July 11th at 4:00pm.

Joan Lester will be in conversation with Irma Herrera about Joan's memoir *LOVING BEFORE LOVING* (Register here: <https://forms.gle/7mhKM4G8QwnzJ6bh9>)

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REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT THE CHURCH

- **Mondays at 9:30 am** we will have centering prayer in the chapel. This is a time of silent prayer. We will begin with a reading, spend 15 minutes in silent prayer, and then offer a time for processing.
- The Writers' Group meets every other week on **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** We are currently meeting via Zoom. All are welcome. The meeting ID is 827 6069 8393 and the passcode is 031161.
- 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 attend. 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.
- If you need an interlude of uplift and music, join Leslie on **Thursdays at 1:00** for a half an hour of song. This group meets via Zoom. The meeting ID is 841 5107 4448 and the passcode is 735051.
- The Bible study continues on **Thursdays at 2:00** via Zoom. We are currently studying the Apostle Paul and his epistles. The meeting ID is 851 8395 9948 and the passcode is 664537.
- Sunday Zoom Fellowships will continue even after we start up with live services, beginning June 27. Join us (Elizabeth or Leslie) **Sundays from 11:30-noon** for fellowship time via Zoom! We look forward to seeing your Brady Bunch/Hollywood Squares faces. The meeting ID is 840 3283 7659 and the passcode is 337416.
- Live-streaming of **Sunday services** will soon be available on our YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend church in person. They will remain available for viewing at least through the week. <https://youtu.be/j9rLtf6Ahl>

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