



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, July 18, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: *“It seems to me that in joining a church you leave home and hometown to join a larger world. The whole world is your new neighborhood and all who dwell therein – black, white, yellow, red, stuffed and starving, smart and stupid, mighty and lowly, criminal and self-respecting, American or Russian – all become your sisters and brothers in the new family formed in Jesus. By joining a church, you declare your individuality in the most radical way in order to affirm community on the widest possible scale.”* --William Sloane Coffin, from *Credo*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Judy McCall, cello soloist

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 23

One: As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

**Many: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,
which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness

**Many: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid.
The shepherd’s staff comforts us.**

One: God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.
There, we’re anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**Many: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us
as long as we dwell in the house of God.**

HYMN* BH 394

In Christ There Is No East or West

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* *Stand as you are able*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Caring and Gracious God, you are the shepherd who gathers us together today to celebrate with grateful thanksgiving the community in which we live. We are nourished by its diversity, brought about by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship and encourage us to never cease welcoming the strangers we meet and accepting the gifts they bring. Grant that they will enrich our lives and will be a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Kurt Sunderbruch

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

HYMN* BH 316

We Limit Not the Truth of God

ANGLO-GENEVAN PSALTER

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:11-22

Nancy Thursby, liturgist

SERMON

Law or Grace?

Kurt Sunderbruch, Moderator

SOLO

Julia Hathaway, soprano

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Julia Hathaway, soprano

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 547

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

BENEDICTION*

Kurt Sunderbruch

POSTLUDE

Judy McCall, cello soloist

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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 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.

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.

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- 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** are 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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