



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: Remembering with thanks: this is the bread. We take the moments as bread and give thanks and the thanks itself becomes bread. The thanks itself nourishes. Thanks feeds our trust...Manna with thanks: we eat the mystery of the moment with trust, and are nourished another day. —*Ann Voskamp*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Ephesians 4

Robin Spencer

One: We seek to offer all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

Many: **Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

One: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

Many: **Therefore we see how Jesus freed us by making captivity itself captive!**

One: Together we bless this community as all of us come to the unity of the faith.

Many: **Through God, we the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament and sinew, each part is working properly, and promoting the body's growth in building itself up in love.**

HYMN BH 18*

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

CWM RHONDDA

* *Stand as you are able*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Robin Spencer

Holy Friend, how difficult it is to recognize you though your signs are everywhere. Your nourishment arrives mysteriously, unexpectedly. How does it transpose itself with in us? We don't know, but we pray that we will learn to trust the miracle. The manna looks as fragile as frost, but as it melts on our tongues, we feel stronger, more sure. We give thanks that you abide in everything. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Robin Spencer

Exodus 16:4, 13-15

John 6:24-31

SERMON

The Manna

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 339*

Truth Whom We Adore

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A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

* *Stand as you are able*

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

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

Nikolas Nackley, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN BH 337*

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

David Milnes

* *Stand as you are able*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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, **Sunday, August 8 at 4:00 pm.** Poet Maw Shein Win will read from her work and engage in conversation with Kenneth Wong about poet-activists in Myanmar and how we can support them.

Join us for outside fellowship! **Thursday, August 12 from 5-9 pm.** Hacienda Nights Food Trucks at Hacienda de las Flores located at 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. Look for Leslie with yellow umbrellas! She'll be there around six.

The family of Debbie Barnell invites you to a memorial service at the church on **Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10 am.**

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OCC KIDS AND FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 1 during church, kids will be sitting in the balcony near the sound booth! Then we'll do Children's Chapel and Sunday School outside. Yippie. Look for the streamers.

Sunday, August 1 from 11-1 Diversity Mural in Lafayette - Grand Opening
999 Oak Rd (near Yu's)



Monday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m., Youth Group to Crumbl' Cookie in Concord.
Located in The Veranda, 2015 Diamond Blvd Suite E-150, Concord, CA 94520.
Then Game Night! Please RSVP to Leslie! (And let her know if you need a ride.)

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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 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 **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m** via Zoom. All are welcome. The next meeting date is **August 10**. The writing prompt (if you need one) is to reflect on how your life has changed during/as a result of the pandemic. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760698393?pwd=a0VQRFNcd090V05ydmhEdlNlaUs5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 827 6069 8393

Passcode: 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.

Join Leslie via zoom for an interlude of uplift, refreshment and music, **Thursdays at 1:00 pm**. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84151074448?pwd=bHZaM3pueDdGS0drT2JuM21vT3NhZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 5107 4448

Passcode: 735051

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The Bible study has rebranded itself as the *Scripture and Theology Group*. It continues on **Thursdays at 2 pm** via Zoom. We are about to begin a study of Elaine Pagels' book *Beyond Belief, the Secret Gospel of Thomas*. In order for people to have time to get the book, we will next meet on **Thursday, August 29**. Please join us for lively and meaningful conversation. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183959948?pwd=RE1BaDJ5Tm9ScUdhY29OWVJ2VFB5UT09>

Meeting ID: 851 8395 9948

Passcode: 664537

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HELP WANTED! Baby Sitter/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 addition of hours later). The job includes watching infants and toddlers. SAFE Church fingerprinting procedures will be required.

If interested, please email us: office@orindachurch.org