



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 10:00 am

Reflection: *The rich and the poor have this in common: God is the maker of them all.*
—Proverbs 22:2

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 35

Lani Shepp

One: Say to those who are anxious, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come and save you."

All: **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.**

One: Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

All: **For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs up with water.**

HYMN* BH 588

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Lani Shepp

**God of all, we live so richly under your care.
How do we understand the injustices of the world?**

* *Stand as you are able*

**Why do some people not have enough?
God, help us to move into greater understanding and justice by
responding. Help us to love our neighbors so well and thoroughly that
they become part of our family and we all have enough. Through the
limits of our knowledge, we reach out to you with gratitude. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lani Shepp

Mark 7:24-30

James 2:1-10

SERMON

The Whole Law

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 581

Lead Us from Death to Life

Marty Haugen, 1985

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.**

* *Stand as you are able*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME OF GIVING

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

SOLO

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 562

Take My Gifts

Colin Gibson, 1991

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.

Upcoming Event:

Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion about trauma, listening, and reconciliation with
Elizabeth Rosner, author of

SURVIVOR CAFE: The Legacy of Trauma and the Labyrinth of Memory,
moderated by Ani Tascian.

September 12th at 4:00 pm (PST)

To register for this free, online, event, go to: <https://forms.gle/BoYpmtmBeev4tF3u9>

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 **September 7th**. The writing prompt (if you need one) is to reflect on how your life has changed during/as a result of the pandemic. ***For the link, check your eblast or go to our website: orindacommunitychurch.org***
- 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***
- The Bible study has rebranded itself as the **Theology and Scripture Group**. It continues 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. ***For the link, check your eblast or go to our website: orindacommunitychurch.org***
- **Monday Madness = Sunday Insanity!** Now school is back in session, the Youth Group will no longer meet on Monday, returning to meeting **immediately after services on Sunday.**

- Reminder, **the best email address** for the Church Office is office@orindachurch.org. Please update in your email contacts and discard the old ones. Thank you!

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, please email us: office@orindachurch.org

