



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Reflection: *"Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not."* George Bernard Shaw

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Judy McCall

One: As we walk through the clamor of daily life, if we pause to listen, God calls to us.

Many: God's still, small voice calls our name.

One: If we look at creation with open eyes, everywhere we see the presence of God.

Many: The glory of the Lord is visible in the magnificence of creation from a tiny droplet of water to the stars of the night sky.

One: If we let down our guard, God sustains us.

Many: God comes to us in our time of need, comforting us, suffering with us, always beside us.

One: If we listen, God invites us to be partners in co-creation.

Many: The kingdom comes when we join with God in loving all of creation as the Creator loves creation. Help us see that all your creation is very good. Amen.

* Stand as you are able

HYMN* RH 454

Open My Eyes

Clara Scott, 1895

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Judy McCall

Holy one, our daily lives surround us with messages of status, ambition, and individual glory. Our fears trap us in the wisdom of the world rather than your wisdom. Our doubts cast shadows over our dreams. Our lives are parched without your living water. Open our eyes and unplug our ears. Help us feel your love coursing through our veins. Give us the trust in you to bring your kingdom into being. Amen

WORD OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Leslie O'Brien

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy McCall

Matthew 5:1-11

SOLO

The Impossible Dream

Mitch Leigh, 1965

Nik Nackley, soloist

SERMON

The Impossible Dream

Kurt Sunderbruch

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WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 575

O For a World

Lowell Mason, 1839

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

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 438

When Peace, Like a River

Philip P. Bliss, 1878

BENEDICTION*

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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.

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