



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Reflection: *Your vocation in life is where your greatest joy meets the world's greatest need.*
—Frederick Buechner

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Colossians 3: 12-14

Lani Shepp

One: As God's chosen ones, have compassionate hearts.

All: Holy and beloved community, let us devote ourselves to kindness and humility.

One: Our spiritual exercise will be to grow in meekness and patience.

All: In faith, we bear with one another.

One: We are not perfect, but if one struggles with another, we let go of anger and we forgive.

All: Above all these, we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

HYMN* **RH** 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* *Stand as you are able*

Loving God, in your tenderness and keen attention, hear this prayer. Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, help us to practice these things. May our acts lead us always to you. Let us grow and stretch in the model that Jesus has given us. And in all we do, may your peace be with us God. 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

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lani Shepp

Luke 18: 15-17

Hebrews 13:2

SERMON

Devotion

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN **RH** 408

The Gift of Love

ENGLISH MELODY

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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.**

SERVICE OF RELEASE

Elizabeth:

We are profoundly grateful for the care, faith, and service that Leslie Darwin O'Brien has provided to Orinda Community Church for fourteen years.

Leslie:

I thank Orinda Community Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last fourteen years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

People:

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere.

We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.

Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Leslie:

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together
and our parting are pleasing to God.

Elizabeth: (*addressing the congregation*)

Do you, the members and friends of Orinda Community Church release
Leslie Darwin O'Brien from the duties of her position at the church?

People:

We do, with the help of God.

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

DOXOLOGY **RH** 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN* BH 591

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

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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