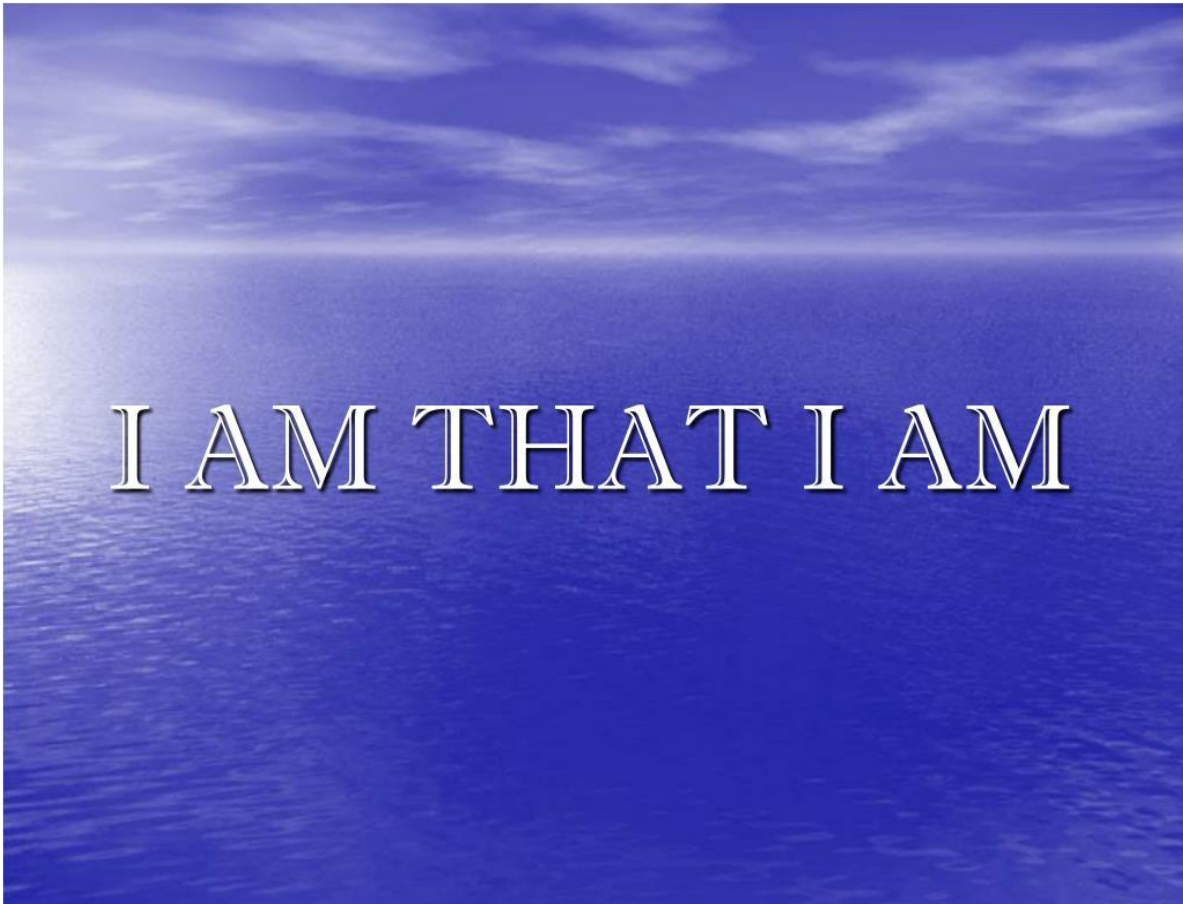


# Orinda Community Church

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, July 10, 2022, 10 am



**Reflection:** There is no place to which we could flee from God,  
which is outside of God. --- Paul Tillich

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*adapted from an early Scottish prayer*

**One:** We rise today in your limitless love.

**All:** We rise through the strength of heaven.

**One:** Creator of this miraculous world, we live in the light of your sun.

**All:** We glow in the radiance of your moon.

**One:** Splendor of fire, speed of lightning, we seek the depth of your mystery.

**All:** Swiftmess of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, we seek to be grounded in you. For with humans, much is impossible, but with you, God, all things are possible.

HYMN\* BH 24

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Meyer Lyon, 1770

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

*\*Stand as you are able*

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

**Creator and Source of All Creation, help us to pause in wonder at what you have done. The tissue paper red of the cactus blossom, the great heave of the ocean tides. You are in all of this. Our spontaneous acts of love and care, our ability to survive trauma, our bravest acts of justice. You are in all of this. Quiet us in the midst of your silence and your song. Lift us up in the great wave of your Being. You are in all of us. Amen.**

## WORD OF ASSURANCE

**One:**       The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many:**     **And also with you.**

## MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

### WE LISTEN

SOLO

Julia Hathaway

SCRIPTURE READINGS     Exodus 3:13-15

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And then God said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

SERMON

*First Principles*

Kurt Sunderbach

*\*Stand as you are able*

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\***BH 83**

*I Sing as I Arise Today*

William P. Rowan, 1986

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

Julia Hathaway

DOXOLOGY\* **BH 785**

*We Give You But Your Own*

Cantica Laudis

**We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.**

HYMN\* **RH 77**

*How Great Thou Art*

Stuart K. Hein

BENEDICTION\*

Kurt Sunderbach

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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.

**TODAY!**

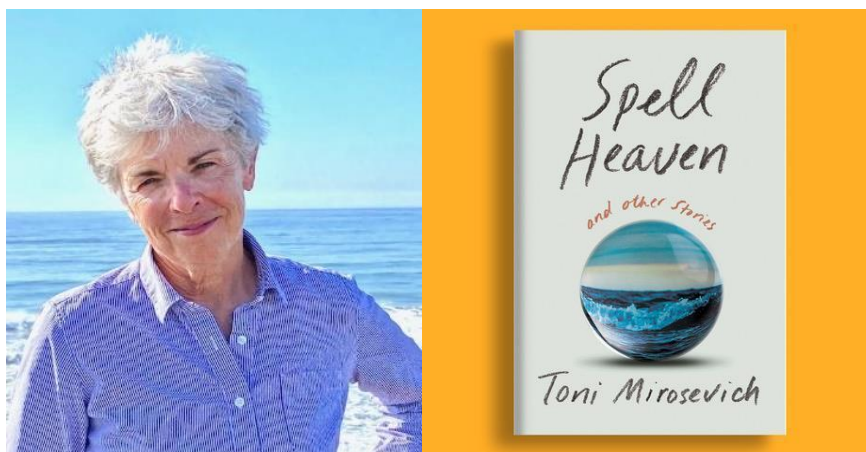
### **The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts**

A reading and conversation with

**TONI MIROSEVICH**

with Ploi Pirapokin

July 10th at 4:00pm (Pacific)



Register online at [www.orindacommunitychurch.org](http://www.orindacommunitychurch.org), under Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

## Weekly Events

Each week, in addition to our 10 a.m. Sunday worship, the church offers regular programming.

- ✚ Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, we host **Centering Prayer**.
- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief **Contemplative Service** in the chapel, which includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- ✚ **Life and Loss Group** meets every Thursday in the Fireside Room at 12 noon. You are welcome to simply attend, or if you have questions, please call or email the office.
- ✚ Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., our **Theology and Scripture** group meets via Zoom to discuss theology and the bible, and other topics. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 14, at 2:00 pm.

Every other week:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers' Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (Their work is featured in the narthex; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, July 12, at 10 am.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45, the **Reading Group** is doing a close study of the novels of Marilynne Robinson, starting with *Gilead*. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, July 14, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

# Ushers & Greeters



**THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:**

**Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp, Marilyn Welland and Betty Wu**

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**Holden is looking for substitute teachers for the 2022-23 school year.** Must be vaccinated and boosted for COVID, willing to get fingerprinted and TB screened and have some availability between 10am and 3:30pm weekdays September through May. Preferred qualifications: experience with teens and familiarity with Google Workspace. No CBEST required. Please email [hiring@holdenhigh.org](mailto: hiring@holdenhigh.org) if interested, and please share. Thank you!

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## **Children's Program Coming in August 2022**

For 4 weeks in August, after Sunday Services, we will have a children's program.

1. Do you have or know kids and youth who might like to participate?
2. Do you want to volunteer?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions, please contact Elizabeth.  
[elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com](mailto: elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com)


# CHECK OUT KAREN SANFORD'S AMAZING ART WORK

Now through July 31:

**MAINSTREETARTS**

*From Clay to Table*

Pat Alger  
Donna Arganbright  
Mary Ellen Brownell  
Kate Chenok  
Nicole Collins  
Kathleen Jensen  
Olga Jusidman  
Mary Leigh Miller  
Karen Sanford



**Main Street Arts Gallery**  
613 Main Street • Martinez • 925-269-8049  
<<http://www.mainstreetarts.net>>

*One more time ...*

For the fourth year in a row, our gallery has the privilege to present the always successful ceramics show. This time we have the works of nine Bay Area artists showing their best strictly functional pieces ...

## *From Clay to Table*

- **Opening Day**  
Saturday, June 25

Join us for a reception from 4 to 7 pm  
to celebrate together ... life after COVID

- **Show Continues**  
through Sunday, July 31

- **Gallery Hours:**  
Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm  
Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm