



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, July 17, 2022, 10 am

Reflection: We did not feel prepared to
be the heirs of such a terrifying hour.
But within it, we found the power
to author a new chapter,
to offer hope and laughter to ourselves.
—Amanda Gorman

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR The Acolytes

WELCOME Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP* from *Psalm 15* Mary Volmer

One: Who may dwell in your sacred tent, Divine Friend?
Who may live on your holy mountain?

All: **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous,
who speaks the truth from their heart.**

One: We seek to be those whose tongues utter no slander,
who do no wrong to a neighbor, and cast no slur on others.

All: **In faith we seek the truth and reject greed. Like you, we would be
steadfast. Let us keep our promises and commitments even when it
hurts. We will not forget your compassion.**

**Stand as you are able*

One: So we will model what we know of you.
We will share what we have;
we will not leave the vulnerable in danger.

All: **Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN* BH 8

Praise to the Living God

DIADEMATA

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Mary Volmer

Patient God, sometimes we get caught in knots of worry, in the passage of time, in our own confusion and impatience. We seem to crawl so slowly toward healing, wholeness, success. Slowly, lovingly, you untie the knots for us, like a mother untangling our shoelaces. Like a mother drawing a comb gently through a snarl of hair until it is shining and silky. Your patience removes the burden of time. You lift us over our limits. You sing dreams into our ears until they are real. Help us to hold you as you hold us. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Leslie Darwin O'Brien

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Fred Matteson

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15

Mary Volmer

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is ^hin the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

SERMON*This Time Next Year*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 315

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

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.
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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Fred Matteson

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* BH 318

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

ST FLAVIAN

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Go now in peace.
Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you—
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

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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.

Next up at **The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts**

A reading and discussion of:
THE ENCOUNTER: A HANDBOOK OF POETIC PRACTICE
with contributors:

Rae Armantrout, Paul Hoover, and Elizabeth Robinson
August 14th, at 4:00pm (Pacific)

To register, go to **orindacommunitychurch.org**
under Arts, look under Alta Mesa Center for the Arts.

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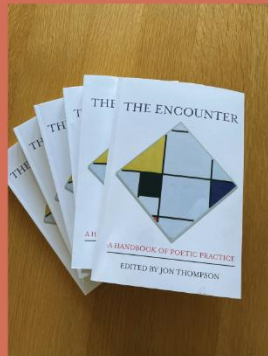
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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@gmail.com



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 21, 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 26, 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 28, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

Ushers & Greeters



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Janet Rosefield, Jeane & Roger Samuelsen, and John Thursby



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 hire@holdenhigh.org if interested, and please share. Thank you!



Children's Program after every Sunday service August 2022


Questions? Interest? Please email Elizabeth.
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Have you had a chance to hit this exciting event? Go check out Karen Sanford's amazing artistry thru 7/31!

MAINSTREETARTS

From Clay to Table

Pat Alger
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Main Street Arts Gallery
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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