



## Orinda Community Church

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

### Order of Worship Sunday, August 7, 2022, 10 am

#### Reflection:

Let God set the table here. For everyone. For friends and enemies.  
We are martyrs out of love, out of fidelity... our mission here is  
to be brothers to all.

Remember that love is eternal hope. Love endures everything.”  
—quoted from *Of Gods and Men*

### WE GATHER

PRELUDE	David Milnes
BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR	The Acolytes
WELCOME	Reverend Elizabeth Robinson
CALL TO WORSHIP*	Judy McCall

**One:** We come together, in all our difference.

**All:** But because we are called in God’s grace, the fit is perfect.

**One:** We are called to do impossible things.

**All:** But because of God’s love, we do things we never believed we could do.

*\*Stand as you are able*

**One:** We are sometimes beset with sadness and discouragement, even peril.

**All:** **Even then, God is near. God is with us. And on the hardest days, we still find a place for unity and peace.**

HYMN\* BH 571

*O God of Love, O God of Peace*

HENRY W. BAKER

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Judy McCall

**Loving, gentle Friend, in a world of loss, violence, and turmoil, help us to recognize you in all things. In music that lifts our sorrow away, in good food shared with people we love, in the tender blade of grass and the thrum of a cat's purr, in the miracle of a good night's sleep. For all we know, these small gifts heal destruction and bring your divine balance back into the world! We will practice faithful gratitude, even when we struggle and feel doubt. You are our hope. Reach out your hands and we will grasp them. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**WE LISTEN**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy McCall

*Hosea 11: 3-4, 8-11*

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.  
I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love.  
To them I was like one who lifts  
a little child to the cheek,

*\*Stand as you are able*

and I bent down to feed them.  
My heart is changed within me;  
all my compassion is aroused.  
I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.  
For I am God, and not a man—  
the Holy One among you.  
I will not come against their cities.  
They will follow me;  
I will roar like a lion.  
When I roar,  
my children will come trembling from the west.  
They will come from Egypt,  
trembling like sparrows,  
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.  
I will settle them in their homes,”  
declares God.

*Colossians 3:15-17*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let this message dwell among you richly as you teach and encourage one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through Jesus.

SERMON

*You Are Called to Peace*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

## **WE RESPOND**

HYMN\* BH 336

*Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*

MORECAMBE

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. 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.**

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN\* RH 133

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

ANTHONY SHOWALTER

BENEDICTION\*

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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.

(Flyer on next page)

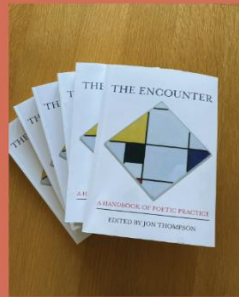
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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: [altamesacenter@gmail.com](mailto:altamesacenter@gmail.com)



## 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, August 11, 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, August 9, 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, August 12, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



## **AUGUST ADVENTURES BEGINS TODAY!**

For all four Sundays in August, OCC invites your children (ages 5-12) to join us for AUGUST ADVENTURES.

This isn't Sunday school or summer camp but more like an organized play date for children in our community.

Each Sunday in August we will gather together from 11:30 to 2 pm at OCC for a meal, playtime around themes of nature, gardening, pets, and serving our diverse community. We will also offer craft time, story time, prayer and role-playing Jesus' parables. Adults from our church have volunteered to help, and parents are more than welcome to visit and/or join in an activity.

Children are welcome to come each of the four Sundays or just come on the Sundays when they are free.

If you have questions, please call me at (916) 342-4821 or text me and I will call you.

Thanks to Pastor Elizabeth Robinson and Moderator Anne Barr for making this month of children's ministry a reality.

With love and excitement,  
Elisabeth Kersten





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

Bill & Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten, and Kathleen Wiegand

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Leslie Darwin O'Brien is back at Ristorante Amoroma on Tuesday Nights:



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Anna Gregory will be out of the office August 8 – August 15.  
Gail Mead will be filling in, so many thanks to Gail for stepping up and  
taking care of business, as always!