

Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship
Sunday, October 9, 2022, 10 am



It is in remembering that our power lies
and our future comes.

—Anna Walters

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

by Joy Harjo

Kathleen Wiegand

One: Remember the sky that you were born under,
know each of the star's stories.
Remember the moon, know who she is.

All: **Remember the sun's birth at dawn, that is the
strongest point of time. Remember sundown
and the giving away to night.**

One: Remember your birth, how your mother struggled
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of
her life, and her mother's, and hers.

All: **Remember your father. He is your life, also.
Remember the earth whose skin you are:
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth,
brown earth, we are earth.**

One: Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their
tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them,
listen to them. They are alive poems.

All: **Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the origin
of this universe. Remember you are all people and all people are you.**

**Please stand as you are able*

One: Remember you are this universe and this universe is you.
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.
Remember language comes from this. Remember the dance language is,
that life is.

All: We will remember.

HYMN* BH 83

I Sing as I Arise Today

William P. Rowan

COMMUNITY PRAYER

(adapted from a Lakota prayer)

Kathleen Wiegand

**Our Father, hear us and make us strong.
Our Mother, hear us and give support.
From the earth and sky, send us your Wisdom.
May we tread your path of life.
May we always be ready for the long journey.
Purify us with your cleansing love. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE LISTEN

READINGS

Kathleen Wiegand

Arapaho proverb

If we wonder often, the gift of wisdom will come.

Dakota proverb

We will be known forever by the tracks we leave.

**Please stand as you are able*

Deuteronomy 8:2

And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

2 Peter 1:12-13

Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder.

SERMON

Stirred Up by Way of Reminder

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* **RH** 78

Heleluyan

TRADITIONAL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) INDIAN

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. 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.

**Please stand as you are able*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

MISSION & STEWARDSHIP

Amy Parlett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 341

Great Spirit God

LACQUIPARLE

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

**Please stand as you are able*

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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.

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion of

Slaves for Peanuts:

A Story of Conquest, Liberation, and a Crop That Changed History

by

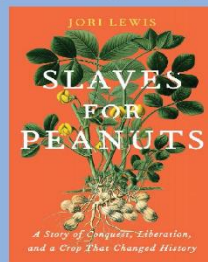
Award winning independent writer and editor

Jori Lewis

with Lillian Howan

October 9, 2022 at 4:00pm (pacific)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/vSkj3TJ9ZznC3aL26>



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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, October 13, 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 and Fellowship Hall; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 20, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE THE LAND WE SIT ON IS THE TRADITIONAL LAND OF THE CHOCHENYO SPEAKING OHLONE PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY THE SACLAN TRIBE. THE OHLONE FAMILY OF TRIBES HAS LIVED IN THE BAY AREA FOR OVER 10,000 YEARS. EVERY MEMBER OF THE ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH HAS, AND CONTINUES TO BENEFIT FROM, THE USE AND OCCUPATION OF THIS LAND, SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1939. AS MEMBERS OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT ONLY RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE STAND, BUT ALSO, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE OHLONE PEOPLE ARE ALIVE AND FLOURISHING MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA COMMUNITY TODAY.

Ushers & Greeters



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp, Betty Wu & Marilyn Welland

Save the date!



*Fall Festival and Auction Sunday, November 6,
2022*

The John Creech Memorial is Saturday, October 29th, 2 pm at OCC.

The family would like to get a head count so please RSVP to the office:

**office@orindachurch.org
(925) 254-4906**



MERCY & JUSTICE/CREATION JUSTICE NEWS & EVENTS

Karen Sanford ksandford227@gmail.com
Nancy Thursby nlthursby@comcast.net

- ✓ **Hope Solutions Dinner, October 13th:** Mercy & Justice will be providing dinner at Garden Park Apartments again this year. Volunteers will be needed. Contact Karen Sanford or Nancy Thursby to volunteer to donate food and/or to serve.
- ✓ **Faithful Voting Second Hour, “What’s on the Ballot?”:** A second hour featuring an informative program and discussion of the propositions that will appear on our ballot will be held October 23rd.
- ✓ **Common Hope:** Want to sponsor a child in Guatemala? See Karen Sanford or Roger Samuelson, rogsam58@gmail.com
M & J hopes to sponsor a service trip to Guatemala in 2023.
- ✓ **Connie Doty Memorial Knitting Group:** A new group has formed to create service projects, like chemo-caps for cancer patients who have lost their hair due to treatment. Interested? Contact Nancy Thursby



- ✓ **Winter Nights:** The church will be hosting two sessions in 2023, February 20-March 6 and May 1-15.

Orinda Community Church's 2022 FUNdraiser Online
beginning Monday, October 31
Pick-up and Closing Party on Sunday, November 6th

- **STARTING NOW:** You can offer **an adventure, a service, an item, a gift certificate, or a food and wine offering*** by completing the form on the opposite side and submitting it to our Auction Administrator, Gail Mead (grmead@comcast.net) ASAP, but **no later than OCTOBER 28, 2022.**
- **This year's auction will be both online and in person!** The online auction starts October 31st and closes November 5th. On November 6th, after services, there will an in-person auction (OCC only) & pick-up party for sold auction items, and sale of items not sold at the close of the online auction. You, the donor, can choose if you prefer your item to be sold in-person to OCC members only.
- **ONLINE AUCTION:** You, your family/friends, will be able to purchase one or more of our awesome offerings at OCC's Annual FUNdraiser website. This is the same site as last year and a link will be sent before we "go live". If you registered last year, you are still in the system for this year. Items will be active from October 31st until sold and the auction will close on Saturday, November 5th.
- **IN-PERSON AUCTION** This year we are soliciting donations for an in-person auction, to be held after church, on Sunday November 6. Donors must choose their donation whether their donation will be offered to ALL (online), or just OCC members.
- **NOVEMBER 6th:** On Sunday, November 6, in addition to our in-person auction, we will have a **Pick-up Party** after church. You can pick up your purchases and we will have food to celebrate and maybe a few additional goodies to add to your basket.

• **OFFERINGS** **BE CREATIVE!**

Adventures: (Always fun!!)

Cabin in the Mountains/Condo at the Beach
 Concerts / Theatre tickets
 Hikes / Moon Walks / Bike Rides
 Tournaments: *Tennis, Golf, Bridge*

Services: (Always needed!)

Gardening / Babysitting Services
 Consultation (organizing, computer, etc.)
 Guide (to any place)
 Tutoring (in anything)
 Repair (of anything)

Items: (Always nice to have!)

Theme gift baskets
 Pie / Bread / Bouquet -A Month
 Musical Instrument
 Car, boat, vehicles (working)
 Sports equipment
 Paintings/works of art

Gift Certificates: (Always appreciated!)

Dining at your favorite restaurant
 Reading at your favorite bookstore
 Flowers, chocolate, wine
 Visits to the zoo or science center

Food and Wine: (Back by popular demand!)

This year, we are accepting in-person food offerings. All participants MUST be vaccinated, and the host will set any other rules for participation (i.e., only outdoors, only during the day, etc.) These offerings can include any of our traditional "feasts" - including backyard BBQs, a Valentine's Day dinner party, a pig roast, or a themed dinner – or they might include something new.

(Form on back)

OCC FALL FUNDRAISER DONATION FORM

Online Auction begins Monday, October 31

**Submit your offering form ASAP but no later than Friday, October 28.
Please do not leave any blanks!!!**

Pick-up Party on Sunday, November 6, following worship

Deposit in offertory plate or church office or delivery to Auction Administrator (below)

TITLE OF OFFERING _____

DATE* _____ TIME _____

PLACE** _____

DESCRIPTION _____

Okay to auction ONLINE OR IN PERSON? (please check one)

ONLINE OKAY (anyone can bid) _____ IN-PERSON ONLY (only for OCC) _____

MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS _____

SUGGESTED PRICE: \$ _____ per person? _____ event? _____ item? _____

Minimum bid? _____ Increments? _____

DONOR(S): _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

_____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

*Be as specific as possible – no later than November 2023.

** Church facilities can be available by arrangement.

Auction Administrator: Gail Mead
510-414-6222 (mobile)
grmead@comcast.net