

# Orinda Community Church

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10 am



## **Reflection:**

Grief and resilience live together.  
— *Michelle Obama*

## **WE GATHER**

MUSIC

*In The Morning Light* by Yanni

Trudi Garland

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CHANT

*Bless our God, my soul, and bless God's holy name.*

*Bless our God, my soul, who leads us into life.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Lamentations*

Kathi Kling

**One:** Some days, our souls are bereft of peace;  
We forget what happiness is.

**All:** **Our souls are preoccupied and bowed down within us.  
But this we remember, and therefore we have hope:  
The steadfast love of God never ceases.**

**One:** God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.  
Divine One, great is your faithfulness!

**All:** **"God is my portion," says my soul,  
"Therefore, I will hope in God's love."**

**One:** God is good to the soul that seeks for God's presence.  
You came near when we called on you,

**All:** **You have taken up our cause, God. You have redeemed our lives.**

CHANT

*Stay with me, remain here with me.*

*Watch and pray. Watch and pray.*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

*by Zenju*

Kathi Kling

**May the sweet light of change shine in the darkness,  
May the first breath of each morning begin life again,  
May the memories unfold as prayers for life,  
May the love continue to fill the silence. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

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

**Many:** **And also with you.**

## WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS      *adapted from Psalm 31:1-15*

Kathi Kling

In you, God, my Friend, I seek refuge.

Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, Faithful One.

I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you know the adversity that burdens

and have not abandoned me;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.

But I trust in you; I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hand.

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

REFLECTION & CONVERSATION

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

## WE RESPOND

### CHANT

*Wait for our God, whose day is near.*

*Wait for our God. Be strong. Take heart.*

### 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

STEWARDSHIP

Mary Volmer

OFFERTORY

*Lament for the Wild Geese* Phil Coulter

Trudi Garland

### CHANT

*In God I'll be ever thankful. In God, I will rejoice.*

*Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, for God is near.*

*Lift up your voices, for God is near.*

MUSIC

*Grant Us Peace* by Michael Scott

Trudi Garland

BENEDICTION

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CHANT

*Come into our hearts with your peace.*

*You alone, Oh God are holy.*

*Come into our hearts with your peace.*

*Alleluia!*

## Orinda Community Church

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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 featuring

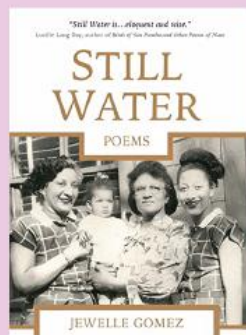
**poet, novelist, playwright  
and cultural worker**

**Jewelle Gomez**

with Joan Steinau Lester

November 13, 2022 at 4:00pm (pacific)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/dtjDTbevg1BAZucx6>



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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, October 27, 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, November 1, 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, November 3, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



Ushers

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

Leslie Dickson & John Skidgel

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*Save the date!*



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

**Auction Donation slips due 10/28/22!!!**

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**Faithful Voting Second Hour, "What's on the Ballot?"  
TODAY in Fellowship Hall, immediately following services.**

I AM A  
**FAITHFUL  
VOTER**  
I PLEDGE TO VOTE.

**VOTING IS AN ACT OF FAITH  
& love for your neighbors.**



*Karen Sanford has 2 new ceramic shows coming:*



**Making Stuff Ceramics - Karen Sanford**  
**Open Studio through East Bay Open Studios**  
227 La Espiral, Orinda, Calif. November 5/6, 2022 10am-5pm



**Making Stuff Ceramics - Karen Sanford**  
**at The Bedford Gallery - Craft Fest**  
1601 Givie Dr. Walnut Creek November 12, 2022  
10am-5pm



## MERCY & JUSTICE/CREATION JUSTICE NEWS & EVENTS

Karen Sanford [ksandford227@gmail.com](mailto:ksandford227@gmail.com)  
Nancy Thursby [nlthursby@comcast.net](mailto:nlthursby@comcast.net)

- ✓ **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 today, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✓ **Common Hope**: Want to sponsor a child in Guatemala? See Karen Sanford or Roger Samuelsen, [rogsam58@gmail.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>**

- **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 31<sup>st</sup> and closes November 5<sup>th</sup>. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup> until sold and the auction will close on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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

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**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  
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grmead@comcast.net