



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, June 19, 2022, 10am Second Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day Juneteenth

Reflection: You, who are on the road, must have a code that you can live by, and so become yourself because the past is just a goodbye. Teach your children well, their father's hell did slowly go by, and feed them on your dreams, the one they pick's, the one you'll know by. Don't you ever ask them why, if they told you, you would cry, so just look at them and sigh, and know they love you.

And you of tender years, can't know the fears that your elders grew by, and so please help them with your youth, they seek the truth before they can die. And teach your parents well, their children's hell will slowly go by, and feed them on your dreams, the one they pick's the one you'll know by. Don't you ever ask them, "why?" if they told you, you will cry, so just look at them and sigh, and know they love you.

--Graham Nash (Crosby, Stills and Nash)

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Barry Cammer

* *Stand as you are able*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Gail Mead

One: Holy One, you who have no gender and yet have all genders,

Many: For those of us who had loving fathers, thinking of you as “father” makes us feel safe, loved, embraced, and honored.

One: We gather this morning in gratitude for our fathers, and those who have served as fathers.

Many: We gather in acceptance and forgiveness for the mistakes and the limitations of our fathers.

One: You, who are creator of all fathers, all parents, all creation, hold us this morning as we open up to your presence.

Many: We open our hearts to both the present and the future.

All: May this time together be one of love, vision, purpose and gratitude.

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

Reverend Barry Cammer

HYMN* BH 11

Bring Many Names

Brian Wren 1989

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Gail Mead

Holy, inclusive, loving God, we acknowledge that so much of life, so much of our lives, is a mystery to us. Yet even as we navigate our journey you are a beacon for us. You offer us a harbor for our souls. A place to anchor our lives. You offer us love, acceptance, wisdom, and presence. May we learn to recognize you in our life. May we grow to invite you into our lives and to receive all that you offer us. May we look forward and not backward. May we choose love instead of fear. Amen.

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WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Barry Cammer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

HONORING FATHERS

Reverend Barry Cammer

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Deep River

Miles McCall, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Gail Mead

Luke 8:26-39 (The Message translation)

They sailed on to the country of the Gerasenes, directly opposite Galilee. As he stepped out onto land, a madman from town met him; he was a victim of demons. He hadn't worn clothes for a long time, nor lived at home; he lived in the cemetery. When he saw Jesus he screamed, fell before him, and howled, "What business do you have messing with me? You're Jesus, Son of the High God, but don't give me a hard time!" (The man said this because Jesus had started to order the unclean spirit out of him.) Time after time the demon threw the man into convulsions. He had been placed under constant guard and tied with chains and shackles, but crazed and driven wild by the demon, he would shatter the bonds.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Mob. My name is Mob," he said, because many demons afflicted him. And they begged Jesus desperately not to order them to the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was grazing and rooting on a nearby hill. The demons begged Jesus to order them into the pigs. He gave the order. It was even worse for the pigs than for the man. Crazed, they stampeded over a cliff into the lake and drowned.

Those tending the pigs, scared to death, bolted and told their story in town and country. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had been sent, sitting there at Jesus' feet, wearing decent clothes and making sense. It was a holy moment, and for a short time they were more reverent than curious. Then those who had seen it happen told how the demoniac had been saved.

* *Stand as you are able*

Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave—too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. The man whom he had delivered from the demons asked to go with him, but he sent him back, saying, “Go home and tell everything God did in you.” So he went back and preached all over town everything Jesus had done in him.

SERMON

The Madman and the Pigs

Reverend Barry Cammer

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 444

We Are Often Tossed and Driven

Charles Albert Tindley 1906

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Barry Cammer

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

Reverend Barry Cammer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Judy McCall, cello

**Stand as you are able*

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 502

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

REST 1887

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Barry Cammer

POSTLUDE

Judy McCall

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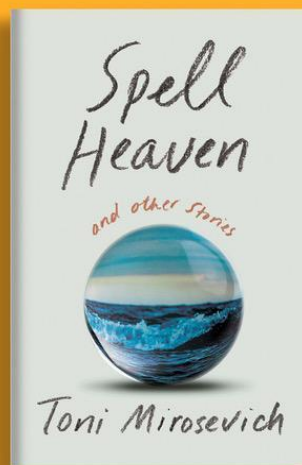
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Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, under the leadership of Mary Volmer, is an interfaith arts and spirituality hub, housed within and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

Next up at **The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts**
A reading and conversation with
TONI MIROSEVICH
with Ploi Pirapokin
July 10th at 4:00pm (Pacific)



Register online at 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 the office or email Reverend Barry Cammer at: barry@healthypathcounseling.org
- ✚ 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, June 23, 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, June 28, 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, June 30, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

**Zoom links are posted in our eblasts and on our website:
www.orindacommunitychurch.org**



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:



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



Calling all Members & Friends!



How would you like to march in Orinda's July 4th Parade? If you would like to represent our wonderful church community, let Elizabeth know so OCC can sign up.

elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com

Children's Program Coming in August 2022

We are so very grateful that Elisabeth Kersten has made a generous proposal to offer a 4-week children's program in August.

Do you have kids and youth who might like to participate?

We will need adults who can assist and participate, and that means each adult who participates *must* get fingerprinted and complete a short-mandated reporter training as per new state laws. We are starting to get some volunteers, but still need more help. Would you let Pastor Elizabeth know if you are willing to do that so she can help set you up with the process?

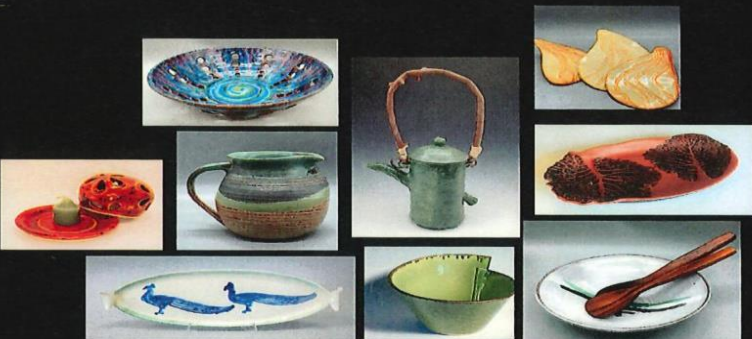
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CHECK OUT KAREN SANFORD'S AMAZING ART WORK:

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