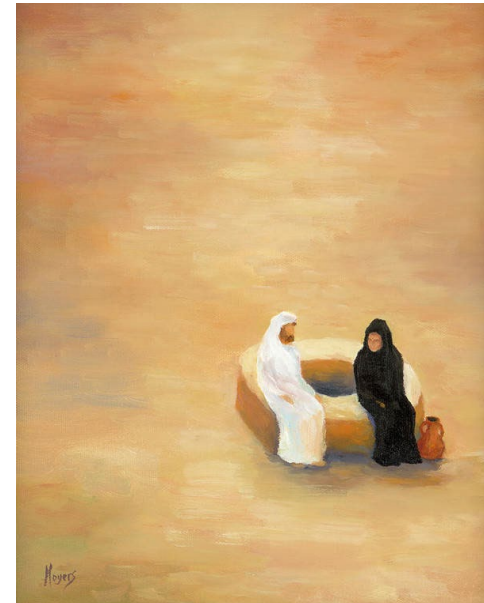


**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



*Painting by Mike Moyers*

**Reflection:**

Is that all there is, is that all there is?

If that's all there is my friends, then let's keep dancing.

-- Jerry Leiber/Mike Stoller, 1969

(based on an 1896 story, "Disillusionment" by Thomas Mann)

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Leonore Cruise

INTROIT SOLO

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Nancy Petersen

One: We gather on the third Sunday of Lent.

**All: We notice our moments of trial and of blessing.**

One: We honor the memory of Jesus – 40 days in the wilderness to prepare for his ministry.

**All: May we worship together with grateful hearts for his journey of love.**

HYMN\* BH 609

*Now Is the Time Approaching*

George J. Webb

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Petersen

**In this sacred space**

**In the moments of stillness,**

**Our thoughts and silence are like incense, Holy One.**

**You transfigure our minds, embrace our vulnerability, and fill our spaces with hope.**

**Through the mystery of absence and presence,**

**Come, fill our cups with your eternal presence. Amen.**

*\*Stand as you are able*

Coming in April!

**Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week April 14—23, 2023**  
**Theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy**

**From the Interfaith Power and Light Guide:**

We have the “responsibility as people of faith and conscience to transition to energy sources that safeguard our common home and look at ways to respond to this challenge with just solutions for all.”

“We all want to live in a community of mutual respect, where everyone abides by the Golden Rule: treating others the way we want to be treated. We all want to have meaningful work that sustains our families and communities and to live in a clean and healthy environment.

We are already transitioning away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy, and as people of faith and conscience we can ensure the transition is made with justice. We can have both a healthy economy and a clean environment, and the process for achieving this vision can be fair and not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Working for a just transition is a faithful response to the call to care for our neighbor and the interconnected community of all life.”



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**JOIN US FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR TODAY IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM FEATURING LUCINA LOPEZ, AFTER SERVICES**



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp, Betty Wu, and Marilyn Welland

OCC is hosting a  
**SEDER DINNER**  
during Holy Week  
**Wednesday, April 5**  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We are blessed to have Sarah Elovich leading us through this Passover tradition.

We ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the food  
(but we want to welcome all, and if funds are an issue, please do not worry.)

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by March 31  
(925) 254-4906 or [office@orindachurch.org](mailto:office@orindachurch.org)



## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## WE LISTEN

### SOLO

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nancy Petersen

*From the Gospel: John 4:7-19*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar. Jacob's well was there.

Jesus, tired by his journey, sat at the well.

At noon, a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

The woman said to him, "How is it you, a Jew, ask a drink of water of me, a Samaritan woman?"

Jesus said, "If you knew the gift of God, you would ask me and I give you living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where is that living water?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. Those who drink the water I give will never thirst. The water I give will become in them an eternal spring of gushing water."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty."

Jesus said, "Call your husband and come back."

The woman said, "I have no husband."

Jesus said, "You are right, for you have had 5 husbands. The one you have now is not your husband."

The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."

*From the Gospel: John 4:39-42*

Many Samaritans came to Jesus because the woman testified that ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ The Samaritans invited Jesus to stay with them for 2 days. Then, they said to the woman, ... “we have heard for ourselves. We know his truth and we believe.”

*Those Hours* by Joyce Stephen

There were moments, hours even, when, In the morning light, I could see the road plainly,  
I imagined myself walking toward the distant mountains like a pilgrim – hapless, but hopeful - that my simple belief in the light would be enough.

SERMON                      *Is That All There Is?*                      Reverend Leonore Cruise

**WE RESPOND**

HYMN\* **RH** 641                      *Fill My Cup, Lord*                      Richard Blanchard

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER



**WOMEN OF SPIRIT!**

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Please join us in person in Fellowship Hall at Orinda Community Church for a warm, nourishing gathering, or virtually (Zoom).

**Women of Spirit** is a group of inclusive, curious women seeking connection, shared learning and growth with other women of diverse faith traditions. We are not affiliated with any religious institution, and are open to ALL.

For more info, visit

<https://www.womenofspiritlamorinda.org>

or <https://www.facebook.com/womenofspiritlamorinda>

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

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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 next reading feature with Allison Landa and Julia Scheeres has been postponed to May 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.



**SPRING 2023  
FUNDRAISING GALA  
You Are Invited!**

Join us Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 5 - 6:30 PM at Foreign Cinema Restaurant, 2534 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94100

The online auction launches March 18 and is open to all!  
Check your eblast for info and links.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY RH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*\*Stand as you are able*

HYMN\* BH 76

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Omer Westendorf

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Leonore Cruise

POSTLUDE

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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor  
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### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

In addition to 10 am Sunday worship, we offer these weekly:

- ❖ 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 from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, March 16, at 2:00 pm.

And these very 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, March 21, 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. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, March 23, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

*\*Stand as you are able*