

**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday**



Painting by Ivanka Demchuk

Reflection:

Perhaps the ongoing game of hide and seek with God is itself a deep journey, both human and divine. One party — namely God — seeks the best for humans, and another party — we ourselves — can likewise seek the best for God. We enjoy the interplay. We hide from God, and God from us, because we love each other. —Jay McDaniel

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Chris Mead

One: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence,
night or morning.

**All: Bright stars, high mountains,
the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers--**

One: May all these break into song
as we sing to God, Saving One, and Holy Spirit.

**All: May all the angels in the heavens reply
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

One: Praise, renewal, joy to God,
the only giver of grace.

All: Amen! Amen! Amen!

**Stand as you are able*



Thank you to this week's ushers:

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



Despite homework, college prep, college tours, sports, extracurriculars, and just overall busy lives, our faithful Acolytes have served Orinda Community Church well!

This past Winter, our Acolytes have been: Amarise Gonzalez, Prudence Hurley, Robert Hurley, Elvyre Kersten, Amelia McCall, Adam Parlett, Nicole Parlett, and Ava Skidgel.

Also, a big thank you to the parents of our Acolytes, and to Nancy Thursby, Kathleen Wiegand, Amy Parlett and Georgia Upshaw, who either participated or were on available to be on standby.

Special appreciation to Tré Frane and Leslie Dickson who helped run the program and huge thanks to Karen Norris for overseeing it all!



Calling All Volunteers!

We will host Winter Nights from May 1 to 15 and we will need your help: Volunteer needs include: overnights, child care, tutors and dinners for 14 days. If you know of a group that would like to do a meal or help out please invite them!

There will be two orientations and kitchen tours for all volunteers— on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm** and **Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am** after church—please plan to attend one of these.

Sign-ups are happening now!

Check in with Lani or let the office know you are interested by email office@orindachurch.org, phone (925) 254-4906, or email Lani: lshepp@icloud.com

HYMN* BH 240

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Robert Williams

COMMUNITY PRAYER

from the ancient Roman Missal

Chris Mead

**O God of unchangeable power and endless light,
look kindly upon the mystery of Your Church
and bring us peace as your providence unfolds.
Carry forward your work of human salvation
and let the whole world feel and see,
that things, which were cast down
are being raised up,
that things which had grown old,
are being made new
and all things are returning to perfection,
through Jesus, our very source.
Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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WE LISTEN

ANTHEM

Sacred Song

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing afflict you with grief; be calm!
As God ordains, so may my will be content.

Why worry today about tomorrow?
The One is in charge, who gives also to you what is yours.

In all your doings be steadfast; stand firm!
What God decrees is, and is acknowledged, the best.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Chris Mead

Jeremiah 31:3b

I have loved you with a love that lasts forever.
And so with unfailing love,
I have drawn you to myself.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and

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

April 22nd Earth Day: Pray the National Earth Day Climate Prayer at noon:

We Hold the Earth

We hold everyone who suffers from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.
We hold all species that suffer.
We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.
We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.
We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community.
We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities. . .
so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of all living beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.
May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life. Amen

Coming in June: The OCC first ever Electric Vehicle Celebration Show.

Do you own an electric vehicle - A car? A bike? A golf cart?
Contact Nancy Thursby to have your vehicle in the show! nlthursby@comcast.net



MERCY & JUSTICE PRESENTS CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

THE 2ND HOUR

April 16 and 23: Join the Mercy & Justice Ministry for in-person screenings of the film series, *Current Revolution* over two “2nd Hour” sessions in Fellowship Hall. These films show the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued. Advocacy of climate bills and postcard signing will be available during these sessions. The postcards call on Toyota to make all-electric cars by 2035.

These are 2 sessions, and a different film be shown on each date, so be sure to catch both!

went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my followers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON

Hide and Seek

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 238

Now the Green Blade Rises

John M.C. Crum

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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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hallelujah!* from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

HYMN* 230 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* John of Damascus

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

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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.

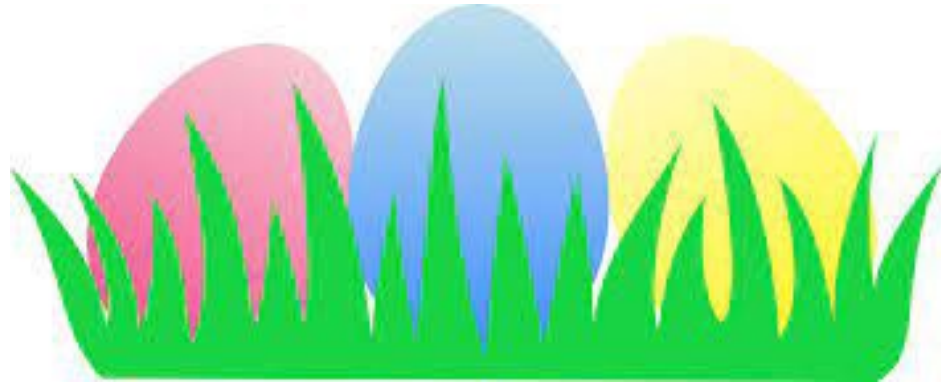
TODAY April 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm (PST)

**A reading featuring poets and psalmists
Laura Walker and Kerri Webster**



**To Register for this free online event, check your eblasts or go to:
<https://forms.gle/5LtRT65NTAGhqBAS6>**

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER SERVICES
TODAY FOR REFRESHMENTS
AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT



HAPPY EASTER!

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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, April 13, 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. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 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. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, April 20, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

Easter Flowers

Given in Memory of:

Myron Matteson
Katherine Matteson
Dekkers H. Davidson
by Anne Barr and Fred Matteson

Frances Meinershagen
by Joyce Crawford

John and Nancy Creech
by the Day, Creech, and Dewing Families

Doug and Beverley Finlayson
by Leslie Dickson

Jim Frane
by Tré Frane

Dick Long
by Bruce and Trudi Garland

Dr. Marion and Albert Andersen
Ms. Chung-Ja and Julie Kim
by In Suk Kim-Andersen



Jim and Jane Mead
Reg and Christine Robinson
by Gail and Chris Mead

Jamie Samuelsen
by Jeane and Roger Samuelsen

The Reverend Irvin G. Thursby and Mrs. Louise H. Thursby
Mr. Samuel C. Lapidge, Jr. and Mrs. Margaret S. Lapidge
by John and Nancy Thursby

John R. Welland
Mary and John S. Welland
by Marilyn Welland

Given in Honor of:

Louise Davidson
by Anne Barr and Fred Matteson

Reverend Bev Blaisdell
by Brent and Laurie Goetzl