

**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

Reflection:

Everything we do should be a result of our gratitude for what God has done for us. -- Lauryn Hill

Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity. . . it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-- Melody Beattie

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Kurt Sunderbruch

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Marilyn Welland

One: God, we don't always recognize the gifts you give.

All: God is the source of all things.

One: Often we only can think of our desires, of what we don't have.

All: God has given us life, and all that it entails.

One: Help us celebrate your many gifts.

All: Help us appreciate your generosity and grace for all of your children.

HYMN* BH 202

O God, How We Have Wandered

Hans Leo Hassler

**Stand as you are able*

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading featuring acclaimed author **Allison Landa**
with **Julia Scheeres**

May 7, 2023 at 4:00pm (pst)

Register for this free, online event here:

<https://forms.gle/VSm8nCcnfJc62NKt5>



Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, an interfaith arts hub, is housed and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@gmail.com



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.

**Alta Mesa Center for the Arts Presents on May 7th, 4:00pm (pacific)
Alta Mesa Center for the Arts' Reading Series**

A Reading Featuring acclaimed author Allison Landa, author of the remarkable new memoir: BEARDED LADY with Julia Scheeres

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Allison Landa's memoir BEARDED LADY came out from Woodhall Press in October 2022. She has held residencies at MacDowell, Playa Summer Lake, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, and The Julia and David White Artists' Colony and has been a grant recipient from the Center for Cultural Innovation and the City of Berkeley. She earned her MFA in fiction writing from St. Mary's College of California and currently writes, teaches, and coaches on a professional basis. She is represented by Marisa Zeppieri of Strachan Literary Agency.

Julia Scheeres is the NYT bestselling author of the memoir *Jesus Land; A Thousand Lives*, a history of the Jonestown tragedy, and *Listen, World!* a biography of Hearst columnist Elsie Robinson.)

(see flyer on next page)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Marilyn Welland

**Holy one, you are the source of all things. The earth we stand upon, the sun that warms us, the rain that waters the plants, the food that we eat, the family and friends whom we love all have their source in you. Help us see and appreciate all that you've given us. Help us rest in the love you have for us, and to share in the love you have for all of creation.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Kurt Sunderbruch

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kurt Sunderbruch

WE LISTEN

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Marilyn Welland

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

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Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week Theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy



Thanks to everyone who joined the Mercy & Justice Ministry for in-person screenings of the film series, *Current Revolution: Nation in Transition* during the April 16th and 23rd second hours in Fellowship Hall. And thanks to everyone who helped to make this activity a success: Eartha Newsong, Tré Frane, and Kathleen & Gene Wiegand.

If you missed one or both of the sessions, contact Nancy Thursby to borrow the DVD at nlthursby@comcast.net

A very good webinar was done by Interfaith, Power, and Light about the film series that features the filmmaker, Roger Sorkin. Check your e-blast for the link.

If you would like to get copies of the handouts that were available at the sessions, stop by the Mercy & Justice table after church and see Karen Sanford. Also available, are fact sheets on several California bills, bills which would make progress on solving the issues mentioned in the film. Please consider advocating for them. There is information on the handouts, especially Handout 1, as to how to do that. Also at the table is an opportunity to participate in Interfaith, Power, and Light’s postcard campaign. The postcards call on Toyota to make all-electric cars by 2035. Find out a little more about this on Handout 2.

Coming in June: The OCC first ever Electric Vehicle Celebration Show. This will be a fun activity to celebrate how church folks are going electric.

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



CSA

Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture

Bringing exceptionally flavorful, regenerative, organic fruit to the Orinda Community!

Have you signed up yet for your weekly or bi-weekly boxes of fruit? I HAVE!

Orinda Community Church is hosting Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture by offering them a drop-off/pick up spot for their produce.

Every Tuesday, Frog Hollow will be dropping off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes will be picking them.

It's east to sign up, go to www.froghollow.com and choose Orinda as your pick-up location. The boxes are deposited on the parking lot side of Fellowship Hall for pickup.



Questions? Go to their website or email them at csa@froghollow.com.

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

2 Samuel 12:7-8

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more.

SERMON

Prodigal Sons (and kings)

Kurt Sunderbruch

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WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 23 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Frederick William Faber

A TIME OF PRAYER Kurt Sunderbruch

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 Kurt Sunderbruch



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Phil Bernard, Gwen McNeilus, Jan Rosefield & Karl Schonborn



SCAM WARNING

Someone is trying to fool folks pretending to be Elizabeth.
Elizabeth's email is **elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com**
Any email coming from Elizabeth will have that email address.

PLEASE PROTECT YOURSELF AND DON'T BE FOOLED!



SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Sunday School is offered **every** Sunday.
This session runs now through 5/21/23,
for kids 5 years and up.

Children will start in the Sanctuary with their family for
worship and walk over to the Agape Room part way
through the service for Sunday School.

AND DON'T MISS on 5/7/23

CRAFTY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Carey and Bill Carpenter will be hosting a special session.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY RH 94

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**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!**

HYMN* BH 544 *If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God* Pablo D. Sosa

BENEDICTION*

Kurt Sunderbruch

POSTLUDE

Nik Nackley

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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, May 4, at 2:00 pm.

And these, every other week:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is May 2.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the Reading Group is doing a study of Marilynne Robinson. We meet via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.



Winter
Nights
Shelter

MAY 2023

Calling All Volunteers!

Winter Nights is starting this week, May 1 to 15 and we 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 is another orientation and kitchen tour for all volunteers today, **Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am** after church. If you have not attended a session, please plan to attend this last session today.

Sign-ups are still happening!

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