

**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Mental Health Sunday**



Painting by Ann Lukesh

Reflection:

We would never tell someone with a broken leg that they should stop wallowing and get it together. We don't consider taking medication for an ear infection something to be ashamed of. We shouldn't treat mental health conditions any differently. – *Michelle Obama*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT SOLO

CALL TO WORSHIP* *Based on Psalm 104* Kurt Sunderbruch

One: We gather in the presence of the One
who breathes life into all of Creation.

All: We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.

One: All are welcome in the presence of the One Who Gives
Life.

All: We come, seeking goodness from the hands of God.

One: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

**All: Together we reflect the fullness of God's love;
together we bring God's love into the world.**

One: Let us worship the Living God whose breath gives us life.

HYMN* BH 179 *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness* Dosisia Carlson

**Stand as you are able*

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



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten, Anna Maclean
& Kathleen Wiegand



SCAM WARNING

Someone is trying to trick 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 YOURSELVES!

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Kurt Sunderbruch

Let us cast all our anxiety on you, our Bearer of Burdens, as we seek to follow you. Even when we are reviled, even when we feel abandoned, even when we suffer physically and mentally and emotionally, we ask that you will help us to remember that we are, no matter what, your children. Even when we pretend to hide from you, ashamed of our wandering, ashamed of our weakness, we know you will find us and restore us. We want to be healthy and to remain steadfast in our faith, because we know there are many who share in our suffering. Direct us toward them, Healing God. We want to learn not to shy away, but instead deeply all who, like us, are in need of your love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kurt Sunderbruch

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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Ruth 1:1-17

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband.'

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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

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

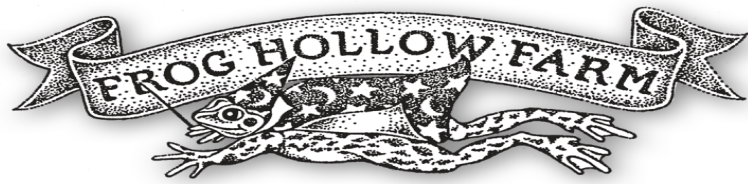
Children will start in the Sanctuary with their family for worship and walk over to the Agape Room part way through the service for Sunday School.

DON'T MISS TODAY'S

"CRAFTY" SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Carey and Bill Carpenter will be hosting a special session.





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?

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 drops off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes come pick them up.

It's easy 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 easy pickup.



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

(Scripture readings continued)

Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!'

2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

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SERMON *Power Made Perfect in Weakness* Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 175 *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come* Fred Pratt Green

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 SOLO

**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/VSm8nCcfnJc62NKt5>



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.

TODAY

**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

Register for this free, online event: <https://forms.gle/VSm8nCcnfJc62NKt5>

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.)

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 16

Let Us with a Joyful Mind

John Milton

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

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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 11, 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 16.
- ❖ 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 18, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONCERT!

“ADVENTURES”

Nancy Thursby and Kathi Kling will be performing
on **Saturday May 20th, at 4 pm**
at Walnut Creek Methodist Church in a Concert
Featuring the WCUMC Handbell Choirs-Ringing Bells
and the L.V.’s (directed by Tessique Houston).



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