

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, June 18, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



Reflection: Balanced and restorative justice is a new approach to juvenile crime that conceives of crime as an act that not only harms people but also violates relationships in a community. Thus, rather than a retributive approach, in which the state punishes an offender, restorative justice practices emphasize healing of the victim, the offender, and the community.

— Christopher Peterson

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mike Kersten

Leader: We come, God, to encounter you. Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks. Come, God, come where we are gathered to celebrate reconciliation: yours with us, and ours with each other.

People: Your lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered brokenness, which can separate us from you and from each other. By your love, we can overcome the powers of hatred and bitterness.

**Stand as you are able*

SCHEDULING NOTES

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson will be away from June 21-26.

The in-person Contemplative Service on June 21 and Centering Prayer on June 26 are canceled.

Reverend Birte Beuck will be preaching on June 25.

Please join us in prayers for Elizabeth as she travels to preside over her sister's memorial in Southern California.



**The next Church Council Meeting is
Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Keep an eye out for the Zoom link
in your e-blasts,
if you would like to attend virtually.**

The office will be closed Monday, June 19, in honor of Juneteenth.





ASPEN NETWORK, LLC HELP WANTED

Do you know someone looking for a rewarding, part-time job? Aspen Network seeks a Residential Aide for about 4 hours a day, to assist a group of young adults with who live in a home geared toward helping them launch their lives.

This group of young adults, mostly college students, cohabitate in a home right here in Orinda. Residents need help with everyday organizing and planning. Responsibilities would include, reminding residents of appointments, help with organization, food prep, cleaning reminders and overall guidance, as needed. Some driving might be asked of you, but it is not a requirement.

Hours are 9 am - 1 pm-ish - but that can be flexible. Competitive hourly pay.

Interest or experience in counseling and/or psychology preferred, but not required.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please send your resume and/or inquiries to Meg Fields at megfields.aspen@gmail.com

Leader: You have called us to be the salt of the earth—to preserve and enhance what is good.

People: **You have called us to be the light of the world, to be beacons of your grace and your love.**

Leader: You have called us to be peacemakers, and in so doing called us to be blessed and to bless many others.

People: **Even as we arrive to your love, help us to bring peacemaking, resolution, understanding, loving acceptance, and reconciliation to our neighbors everywhere.**

HYMN* BH 609

Now Is the Time Approaching

George J. Webb

COMMUNITY PRAYER

adapted from Philippians 1:6-11

Mike Kersten

God, our friend and guide, we are confident of this very thing: you have begun a good work in us, and you will nurture that goodness ever onward. We pray that our love grows, abounds, deepening in knowledge and in all discernment. Help us to pursue and aid things that are excellent, so that we are sincere and without offense, and filled with the fruits of righteousness. By our actions, we would like to be witnesses to your way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mike Kersten

Matthew 5:38-39, 43-45

You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

**Kate Grosmaire from a 2013 *New York Times* article,
“Can Forgiveness Play a Role in Criminal Justice?”**

The Grosmaires said they didn’t forgive Conor [who murdered their daughter] for his sake but for their own. “Everything I feel, I can feel because we forgave Conor,” Kate Grosmaire said. “Because we could forgive, people can say her name. People can think about my daughter, and they don’t have to think, Oh, the murdered girl. I think that when people can’t forgive, they’re stuck. All they can feel is the emotion surrounding that moment. I can be sad, but I don’t have to stay stuck in that moment where this awful thing happened. Because if I do, I may never come out of it. Forgiveness for me was self-preservation.

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Electric Vehicle Celebration Show Postponed to July

The Orinda Community Church first ever **Electric Vehicle Show** is postponed until July to allow all who wish to show their vehicle to be able to participate. 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:

**Jeane Samuelsen
Roger Samuelsen
Joan Upshaw**



CSA

SERMON *Restorative Justice (Part II)* Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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 Farm 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 pick them up.

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? You can ask Anna in the office, or go to their website www.froghollow.com or email them at csa@froghollow.com

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 571 *O God of Love, O God of Peace* Henry W. Baker

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.**

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MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 616

I Want to Be Ready

J. Cleveland and V. Nix

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE



On June 19th, we join in the celebration of the end of slavery and the liberation of those who were still in captivity, two and half years *after* the Emancipation Proclamation.

Happy Juneteenth!



Juneteenth Celebration Photo circa 1900

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Happy Father's Day

"Father" is the noblest title a man can be given. It is more than a biological role. It signifies a patriarch, a leader, and exemplar, a confidant, a teacher, a hero, a friend.

-- Robert L. Backman

"My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived, and let me watch him do it."

-- Clarence Budington Kelland

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."

-- Jim Valvano

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."

-- Steve Martin

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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, June 22, 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 June 27.
- ✚ 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, June 29, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion with

NINA SCHUYLER

Author of

AFTERWORD

with Toni Mirosevich

July 9th at 4:00pm (pacific)



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



OCC will be hosting Camp Brainy Bunch here this Summer.

The Directors of the camp have extended a \$100/per week discount to church members.

Camp Brainy Bunch is where learning meets FUN!

Day Camps are available for grades 1 – 6.

There are weekly themes like Dynamite Doctors, Extraordinary Engineers, and Daring Detectives.

Go to campbrainybunch.com if you would like to sign up, using code **2023OCC100 to get the discount.**