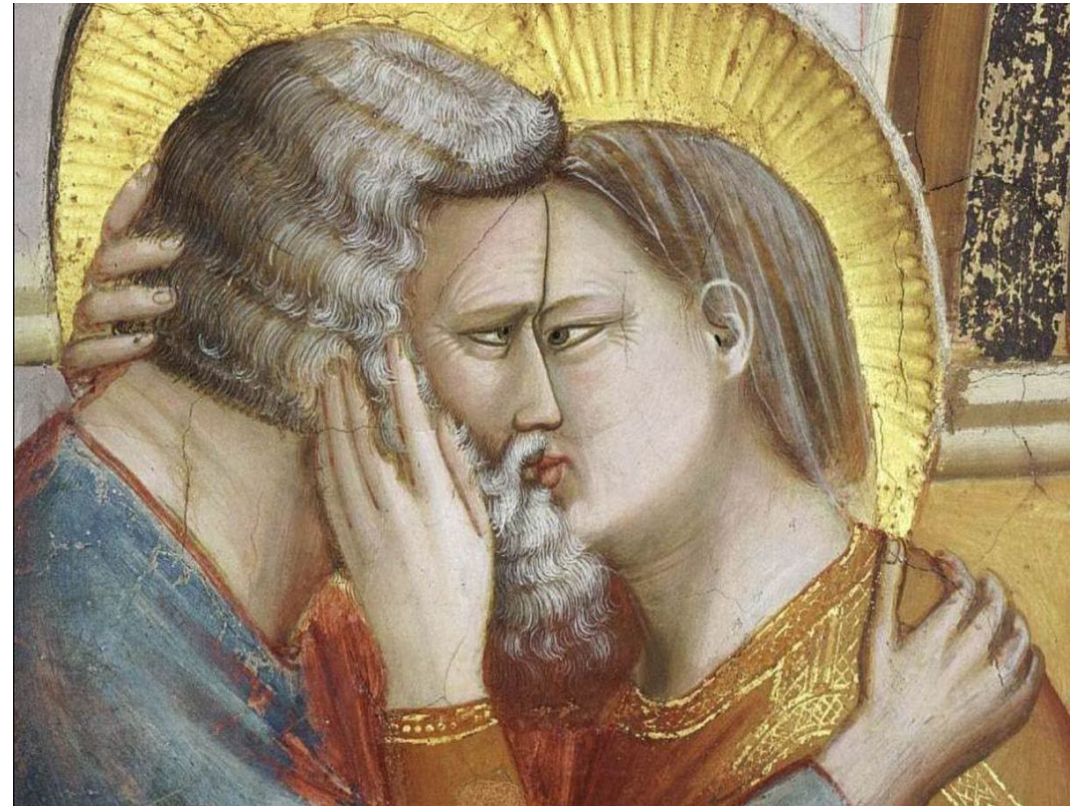


**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



Detail of a painting by Giotto

Reflection:

The sunlight claps the earth, and the moonbeams kiss the sea:
what are all these kissings worth, if thou kiss not me?

— Percy Bysshe Shelley

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 133

Roger Samuelsen

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: **It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down upon the face.**

One: It is like the dew which falls on the mountains spring's green fields.

All: **For everywhere we see God has ordained this blessing, life forevermore.**



Elementary aged kids are welcome to join us in the Agape Center each week for some learning and fun!

Kids start in the Sanctuary for Sunday service and then are excused part way through, to go to Sunday School.

For any questions about Sunday School, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Amy Parlett at saparlett@comcast.net



Anna Gregory will be out on vacation through April 17th.

During this time, we will have a part-time substitute, John Gentry, who also teaches at TOPS. John will be working in the afternoon to field emails and phone calls, etc.

So, if you do get our voicemail, please leave a message so that John or one of our volunteers can assist you, as soon as they become available.

Back soon! Anna

HYMN* RH 475 *Come Down, O Love Divine* Ralph Vaughan Williams

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Roger Samuelson

from the 3rd Century Liturgy of St. Mark

O Holy and Loving Presence, bless all Thy people and all Thy flock. Give peace, Thy help, Thy love unto us, Thy servants the sheep of Thy fold, that we may be united in the bond of peace and love, one body and one spirit, in one hope of our calling. In Thy Divine and boundless love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

**Please stand, as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Roger Samuelsen

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

SERMON

A Holy Kiss

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Volunteers are needed each week to make the coffee for the Fellowship Hour and to bring a treat to share.

The Ushers have the sign-up sheet.
Please sign up for a Sunday!

Thank you to

Gail Mead

who volunteered to make the coffee
and bring snacks today!

BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND



Thank you for your Easter offering toward the Black Wealth Builders Fund! The Mercy and Justice Committee is extending this period of fundraising **through May** in hopes of meeting as much of the match challenge as possible.

We are so grateful for your commitment to supporting just housing resources for all people.

If you are interested in contributing to this innovative program, please write “Black Wealth Builders Fund” in the memo portion of your check, and submit to an usher or to the OCC office.

Together, we can make steps to repair the decades of discrimination that has damaged black communities.

For more information about this program, go to <https://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/bwb>

WE RESPOND

HYMN* **RH** 164 *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

**Please stand, as you are able*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* **RH** 267

O Love, How Deep

Benjamin Webb

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as you are able*

PEACE  VIGIL

Every Thursday at 10 am,
please join the Peace Vigil in the church library.

We make birds to recognize and cherish
the beloved lives of children lost in war,
especially those now dying of starvation in Palestine.



PLEASE STAY FOR THE **SECOND HOUR**
KAREN SANFORD WILL BE PRESENTING
HER SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten,
Anna MacLean & Kathleen Wiegand



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES THIS MORNING

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David Milnes, Director of Music
Anna Gregory, Office Administrator

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. No need to sign up. Please stop by if you are interested.
- ✚ Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., our **Theology and Scripture** group meets via Zoom to discuss theology, the bible, and other topics. The next meeting is Thursday, April 11.

And these, every 2 weeks:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers' Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 16.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the **Reading Group** meets via Zoom. The room opens 15 minutes early for welcome and chatting. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 18.

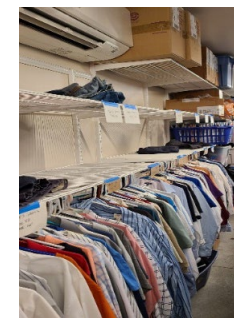


Keep bringing those clothes in! The Trinity Center needs you!

The Trinity Center of Walnut Creek is truly a doorway to opportunities for vulnerable people in the Walnut Creek area. Clothing is part of the offerings at Trinity. They are always in serious need of men's pants and shoes. **They need casual pants, sweatpants, track pants and of course, jeans of any color! Shoes for men are also an on-going need.** Pants and shoes for men just are not donated at the same rate as shirts, women's clothes and socks.

They are looking for pants which could be worn by a Trinity member to a job site, a new housing opportunity, or a classroom. The pants you donate don't have to be new . . . but they should be clean and have some amount of life left in them. Shoes, the same - new is great, but any comfortable shoes to keep feet dry and warm. All sizes welcome!

Please bring your items to church marked for the Trinity Center or Nancy Thursby. Nancy will deliver the clothes to them. If anyone would like to accompany her, let her know and I will see if I can arrange for a tour.



Contact Nancy Thursby if you have any questions:
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