

**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



Painting by Wolf Kahn

Reflection:

Action on behalf of life transforms. Because the relationship between self and the world is reciprocal, it is not a question of first getting enlightened or saved and then acting. As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us. —Robin Wall Kimmerer

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from the Chinook Psalter

Lani Shepp

One: The garden is rich with diversity with plants of a hundred families in the space between the trees with all the colors and fragrances.

All: **Basil, mint and lavender,
Great Mystery keep our remembrance pure.**

One: Raspberry, Apple, Rose,
Great Mystery fill our hearts with love.

All: **Dill, anise, tansy, Holy winds blow in us.**

One: Rhododendron, zinnia, may our prayer be beautiful.

All: **May our remembrance, O Great Mystery,
be as incense to thee in the sacred grove of eternity as we
smell the ancient forests of the earth.**



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.

Our last day of Sunday School,
before Summer break is May 19th.

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

Next up at Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

April 28th, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Think of Your Poem as a Mug

A Maker, Mentor, Muse Workshop
and Fundraiser with



Vince Montague

In this workshop and conversation, artist and writer Vince Montague, proposes ways of conceiving of your writing as an object in the physical world.

All OCC members are invited to attend at no cost. To register, go to:
<https://www.maryvolmer.com/alta-mesa-center-for-the-arts.html>

If you wish to contribute to Maker, Mentor, Muse's fundraising effort,
that can also be done on that website.

Email Mary (maryvolmer@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

HYMN* BH 28

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpont

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by e.e. cummings

Lani Shepp

thank You God for most this amazing
day: for leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SOLO

**Please stand, as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs

Lani Shepp

1:15-17

Ah, you are beautiful, my love;
ah, you are beautiful;
your eyes are doves.

Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved,
truly lovely.

Our couch is green;
the beams of our house are cedar;
our rafters are pine.

2:16-17

My beloved is mine, and I am my beloved's;
who pastures the flock among the lilies.
Until the day breathes
and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle
or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

8:6

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is as strong as death,
passion as fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On April 26th there are 2 events to choose from:

POETRY READING

April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Featuring a new book by Elizabeth Robinson and Susanne Dyckman, translations of Portuguese poet Orides Fontela by Chris Daniels, and art by Jonah Morris (Elizabeth's son). We will offer refreshments, conversation, and brand new copies of the book, *Rendered Paradise*.

"Voices from the Silenced: Pre-Roe Abortion Stories"

On April 26 at 7 pm, the Premiere of two films made about a play co-written and directed by Victoria Rue called "Voices from the Silenced: Pre-Roe Abortion Stories" will be presented at Rossmoor.

Victoria would love anyone from the church to come, but you **have to notify her ahead** so she can register your name at the gate.

Email her at: victoria.rue@sjsu.edu

The tickets are free, though donations will be requested.

BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND



Our fundraising for the Black Wealth Builders Fund has yielded more than 6K! As this drive comes to an end, we are grateful to all of the contributors. THANK YOU!



**WALNUT CREEK UMC
HANDBELL CHOIRS**

**present
2024 Spring Concert**

EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER, SPACE

**Saturday, May 11, 2004, 4 pm
1543 Sunnyvale Avenue
Walnut Creek**

SERMON *I Am My Beloved's and Beloved is Mine* Reverend Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 32 *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale* Jaroslav J. Vajda

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.**

**Please stand, as you are able*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY RH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Henry van Dyke

CLOSING LITANY & CHARGE*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson
Victoria Rue

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, as you are able*



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Joyce Crawford, Tré Frane & Joan Upshaw

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

Care & Fellowship

who volunteered to make the coffee & bring snacks today!



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

We will continue to collect clothes for the Trinity Center, so look for the clothing barrel in the Narthex when you have something to give.



Contact Nancy Thursby if you have any questions:
nlthursby@comcast.net



Please stay after services today and join us in welcoming Reverend Lindsay Fulmer who will be serving as our interim pastor while Elizabeth is on sabbatical.

SAVE THE DATE On April 28th, we will gather after the 10 am Sunday service to wish Elizabeth well as she leaves for her sabbatical.



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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

David Milnes, Director of Music

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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. 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 25.

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 30.
- ✚ 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, May 2.

MORAGA ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY MAY 4, 11 am – 1 pm

FIRE STATION 45

33 ORINDA WAY

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

