

**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m.  
Mother's Day**



*"Flower Welcoming the Sun" by Peter Karplus*

**Reflection:**

All of us have special ones who have loved us into being.

-- Fred Rogers

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Judy McCall

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Lindsay L. Fulmer

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Chris Mead

**One:** Creator God, creating still, we come to celebrate the gifts of life and love that fill our days with abundance.

**All:** **So much amazing grace all around – we join all creation in singing your praise!**

**One:** Praise for this day, for this time together, for the love we have known and the love we can give.

**All:** **May we sing your praise, and let joy lead us!**



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 next week, May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

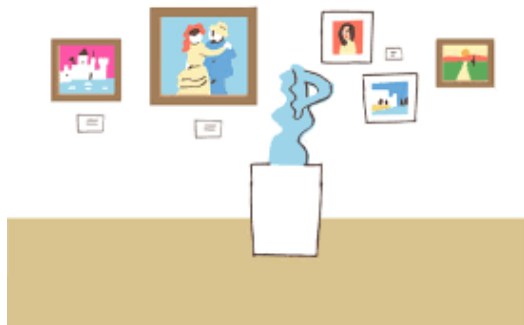
For any questions about Sunday School, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Amy Parlett at [saparlett@comcast.net](mailto:saparlett@comcast.net)



## Artwork Wanted!

We'd love to feature **YOUR** artwork, a painting, drawing, print, photo, collage, sculpture or whatever you've created to be featured on the cover of our Sunday Order of Worship. Just send a photo or pdf of your artwork to Anna (office@orindachurch.org) and include a title if you have one, and we'll take it from there. Let's celebrate the fabulous and creative talent of this community as part of our worship, giving thanks to God for the Spirit that inspires!

We have started to receive some wonderful submissions, so please keep them coming and let's have some fun with this!



HYMN\* RH 451

*Morning Has Broken*

Carlton R. Young

COMMUNITY PRAYER *adapted from Joanna Horader* Chris Mead

**Holy One, today we celebrate your creative power made manifest in nurturing strength. We give thanks for all those who share your unconditional love and fierce protection. Whatever titles they carry, whatever gender they are, we offer this prayer for all who bear your Mothering Spirit. Protect the protectors. Comfort the comforters. Provide rest for the weary and healing for the broken-hearted. May we join you in bringing blessing and peace to an ever-laboring world. Amen.**

### 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

Chris Mead

*Proverbs 31:25-31 A Wise Woman*

She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
“Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

There will be a brief interment ceremony for  
Lucy Hupp Williams  
on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am,  
at the Memorial Wall,  
for anyone who might want to attend.



SERMON *A Peace Accord for Mother's Day* Rev. Lindsay L. Fulmer

## WE RESPOND



**The next Church Council Meeting is  
Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, MAY 17.**

HYMN\* **RH** 431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (sing twice)

Sy Miller  
& Jill Jackson

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 SOLO

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 351     *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*     John Ylvisaker

BENEDICTION\*     Reverend Lindsay L. Fulmer

POSTLUDE     Judy McCall

*\*Please stand, as you are able*



**Thank you to this week's ushers:**

**Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp,  
Marilyn Welland & Betty Wu**

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## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**



**THANK YOU TO BRENT GOETZL**  
for bringing treats & making the coffee!

**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!





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:**  
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## A Mother's Day Proclamation

*Julia Ward Howe, 1870*

Arise then...women of this day!  
Arise, all women who have hearts!  
Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!  
Say firmly:  
"We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies,  
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage,  
For caresses and applause.  
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn  
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.  
We, the women of one country,  
Will be too tender of those of another country  
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the voice of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with  
Our own. It says: "Disarm! Disarm!  
The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."  
Blood does not wipe our dishonor,  
Nor violence indicate possession.  
As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil  
At the summons of war,  
Let women now leave all that may be left of home  
For a great and earnest day of counsel.  
Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.  
Let them solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means  
Whereby the great human family can live in peace...  
Each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,  
But of God -  
In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask  
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality,  
May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient  
And the earliest period consistent with its objects,  
To promote the alliance of the different nationalities,  
The amicable settlement of international questions,  
The great and general interests of peace.

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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. They are taking the month of May off, so the next meeting is Thursday, June 6.

**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, May 14.
- ✚ 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 23.



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Lindsay's days off are Monday & Tuesdays  
(but she will be attending the Writers' Group every other Tuesday.)