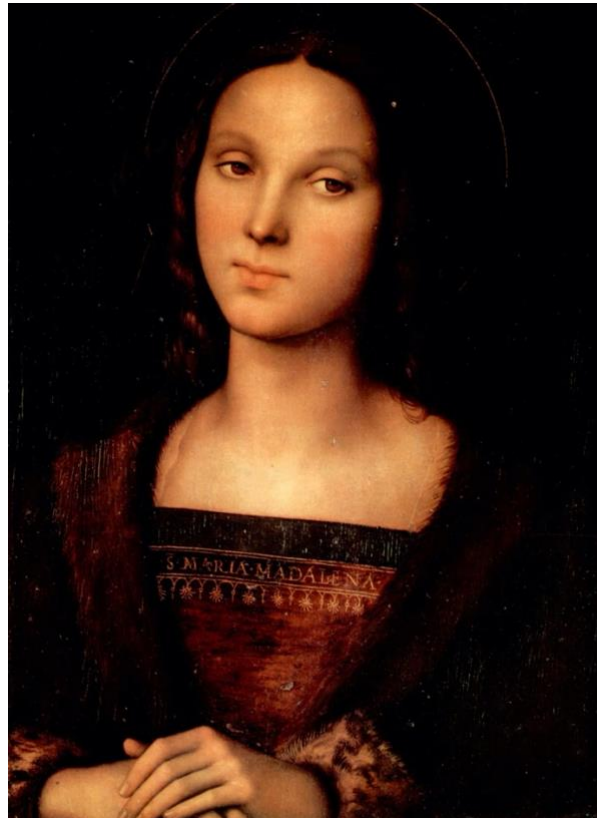


# Orinda Community Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 14, 2022  
10 AM in the Sanctuary



*Painting by Pietro Perugino*

Reflection:

Mary ultimately understood that ours is a scandalous faith. Our God breaks the sabbath. Our God makes the lowly high. Our God was executed by the state. We drink his blood, and we eat his flesh, and when we follow where Jesus leads, without reservation, just like Mary Magdalene, we are scandalous too.

—Kurt Sunderbruch

\* *Stand as you are able*

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Craig Taatjes

**One:** God welcomes the sinner.

**All:** God's grace makes the sinner perfect.

**One:** God heals the broken.

**All:** God's love restores the that which has been hurt.

**One:** God holds the outcast.

**All:** God's patience understands all the children of God.

**One:** God elevates the lowly.

**All:** God's wisdom gave us all of creation, and made it all good in God's own sight.

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN\* BH 484

*O Come to Me, You Weary*

Welsh Tune

\* *Stand as you are able*

**Holy One, we struggle to understand your ways, and to know what it means to follow you. We see you through a glass darkly, and are uncertain what you require of us. Show us your ways. Change our hearts so that we see your kingdom as you do. Grant us the wisdom to hear your call. Give us the discernment to recognize your prophets, and to harken to the message they bring us of your love, just as Mary Magdalene shows us through her ministry. Amen.**

## WORD OF ASSURANCE

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**Many:** **And also with you.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

**WE LISTEN**

## SOLO

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Craig Taatjes

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>l</sup>lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## SERMON

*The Mystery of Mary Magdalene*

Kurt Sunderbruch

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\* BH 251

*I Greet You, Sure Redeemer*

Old 124th Psalm Tune 1551

### 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 AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY\* BH 785

*We Give You But Your Own*

Cantica Laudis

**We give you but your own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
we give it gratefully.**

HYMN\* BH 616

*I Want to Be Ready*

Spiritual

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

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Orinda Community Church is participating in a new endeavor! 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.

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