

Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, July 3, 2022, 10 am

Reflection:

Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.

—Thomas Merton

Real genius is nothing else but the supernatural virtue
of humility in the domain of thought.

—Simone Weil

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 66

Nancy Thursby

One: God speaks to us, saying, “Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool. Has not my hand made all these
things, and so they came into being?”

All: We are learning that God looks with favor
on those who are humble and contrite in
spirit, and who are reverent.

**Stand as you are able*

One: God tells us, “I will extend peace to you like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on my arm and dandled on my knees.

All: God is like a mother to us, who comforts her children, comforting us.

One: Help us to accept this love with humility.
Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go into the gardens, and their hearts will rejoice.

**All: God arrives among us!
The Divine One now gathers the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and be warmed in God’s loving strength.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN* BH 423

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

COMMUNITY PRAYER

from Galations 6

Nancy Thursby

**Loving Guide,
Help us to be true brothers and sisters to each other. If someone is caught in confusion or corrupt behavior, help us to restore that person gently. We practice carrying each other’s burdens, and in this way we hope to fulfill your love. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Be with us, give us discernment, and show us how to humbly do good to all people. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

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WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

Nancy Thursby

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

SERMON

Restored to Humility

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* RH 437

This Is My Song

Sibelius

**Stand as you are able*

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And 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

OFFERTORY SOLO

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 360

Send Me, O Lord

(Verses 1,2,3 and 1, in English)

BENEDICTION*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

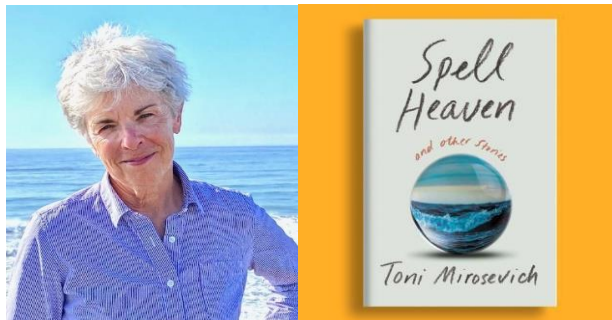
Next up at **The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts**

A reading and conversation with

TONI MIROSEVICH

with Ploi Pirapokin

July 10th at 4:00pm (Pacific)



Register online at www.orindacommunitychurch.org, under Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

Weekly Events

Each week, in addition to our 10 a.m. Sunday worship, the church offers regular programming.

- ✚ 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 at 12 noon. 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. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 7, at 2:00 pm.

Every other week:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers' Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (Their work is featured in the narthex; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, July 12, at 10 am.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45, the **Reading Group** is doing a close study of the novels of Marilynne Robinson, starting with Gilead. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, July 14, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Mike Kersten, Bill & Carey Carpenter, Kathleen Wiegand



Holden is looking for substitute teachers for the 2022-23 school year. Must be vaccinated and boosted for COVID, willing to get fingerprinted and TB screened and have some availability between 10am and 3:30pm weekdays September through May. Preferred qualifications: experience with teens and familiarity with Google Workspace. No CBEST required. Please email hire@holdenhigh.org if interested, and please share. Thank you!



Children's Program Coming in August 2022

For 4 weeks in August, after Sunday Services, we will have a children's program.

1. Do you have or know kids and youth who might like to participate?
2. Do you want to volunteer?

If the answer is yes to either of these questions, please contact Elizabeth.
elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com



Dear Friends and Family,

A gathering to share positive memories, and celebrate the life of

Constance (Connie) Doty

will be held on **Saturday, July 9, at 11:00 AM**

at the Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way in Orinda, CA.

Connie requested **No Flowers** except from home gardens.
Memorial donations may be made to the **Lions Eye Foundation**
or the charity of your choice. Please share this announcement
with others who might want to attend.

Sincerely, Paul Doty

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MEALS on WHEELS
DIABLO REGION

Meals on Wheels Diablo Region is **URGENTLY** seeking Delivery Associates to deliver meals to our senior clients in Contra Costa County. We have paid and volunteer positions available. We have the greatest need in **Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg, Concord, Martinez, and surrounding East County cities.**

Meals on Wheels Diablo Region is the only Meals on Wheels that delivers meals and supportive services to seniors throughout the County. Seniors are the hidden hungry, and the meal we deliver is often the only meal they will eat all day. Often, the brief interaction with the Delivery Associate may be the only person a senior will see all day.

Join an organization with exceptional, caring people and a wonderful mission to help older adults remain nourished, safe, healthy, and independent at home with dignity.

Go here to apply for the paid position: <https://www.mowdiablореgion.org/careers>.

Go here to apply as a volunteer: <https://www.mowdiablореgion.org/sign-up-volunteer>.


If you have any friends or family looking for volunteer opportunities or a chance to earn some extra cash while making a difference in their community, please share this information with them!

CHECK OUT KAREN SANFORD'S AMAZING ART WORK
now through July 31:

MAINSTREETARTS

From Clay to Table

Pat Alger
Donna Arganbright
Mary Ellen Brownell
Kate Chenok
Nicole Collins
Kathleen Jensen
Olga Jusidman
Mary Leigh Miller
Karen Sanford



Main Street Arts Gallery
613 Main Street • Martinez • 925•269•8049
<<http://www.mainstreetarts.net>>

One more time ...

For the fourth year in a row, our gallery has the privilege to present the always successful ceramics show. This time we have the works of nine Bay Area artists showing their best strictly functional pieces ...

From Clay to Table

• **Opening Day**

Saturday, June 25

Join us for a reception from 4 to 7 pm
to celebrate together ... life after COVID

• **Show Continues**

through Sunday, July 31

• **Gallery Hours:**

Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm

