



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, October 10, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: *Balanced and restorative justice is a new approach that conceives of crime as an act that not only harms people but also violates relationships in a community. Thus, rather than a retributive approach, in which we punish an offender, restorative justice practices emphasize healing of the victim, the offender, and the community. — Christopher Peterson*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Craig Taatjes

One: God, builder of our lives and all that is around us. We thank you for opportunities to rebuild; for relationships, for understanding, and for trust.

All: **Especially we thank you for the grace to speak the truth in love to one another, to seek reconciliation, and to leave resentment behind.**

One: As we grow together, give us grace to know and feel that you have provided all the things we need to be your people. Remind us that the rubble of our past can be a stumbling block or a stepping stone to our future.

All: **Remind us also that what you want for each of us is the very best and that there is enough of you, and your grace and truth, to go around.**

**Stand as you are able*

One: Teach us the child-like qualities of forgiveness, openness, and joy,
and lead us into the waiting arms of your kingdom.

All: **As you the Creator, Healer, and Nurturer are one, make us one
body.**

HYMN* BH 23

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

COMMUNITY PRAYER

a Lakota Prayer

Craig Taatjes

**Great Mystery,
teach me how to trust
my heart,
my mind,
my intuition,
my inner knowing,
the senses of my body,
the blessings of my spirit.
Teach me to trust these things
so that I may enter sacred space
and love beyond my fear,
and thus walk in balance
with the passing of each glorious sun. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Leslie O'Brien

**Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Im Abendrot

Franz Schubert

Robert Steiner, soloist

How beautiful is your world, Father, in streaming gold!
When you look down and paint the dust in shimmering light,
Gleaming red through the clouds,
Falling through my quiet window.

Could I complain, lose heart, doubt you and myself?
No, I will carry your heaven here, in my bosom,
And this heart, before it altogether crumbles,
Will drink radiance and light.

-Carl Lappe

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Craig Taatjes

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

SERMON

Reparations

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

HYMN* BH 572

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

African-American spiritual

WE RESPOND

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Stand as you are able*

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Nancy Thursby

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bill Abriel

A TIME OF GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Jesslyn Thomas

DOXOLOGY*

OLD HUNDREDTH, 1551

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

HYMN* BH 575

O For a World

AZMON

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

**Stand as you are able*

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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.

Coming up at Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

Alta Mesa Center Reading Series:

Today, October 10th at 4:00pm AMCA hosts an afternoon reading and discussion to celebrate Indigenous People's Day and benefiting the Sogorea Te' Land Trust.

Featuring James Thomas Stevens and Aja Couchois Duncan.

To register for this free online event, go to:
<https://forms.gle/92aVuSzm5aJ2Nw3A6> or check
our website at **orindachurch.org** for a
link.

(Sogorea Te' Land Trust is "an urban Indigenous women-led land trust that facilitates the return of Indigenous land to Indigenous people.")

**NEW: Bimonthly Generative Writing
Workshops:**

October Theme: Remembrance
October 16th at 10:00am – 12:00pm
In-Person at the Orinda Community Church
Fellowship Hall, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, CA
(vaccine and masks required as suggested by the CDC)
Space limited to 15 in-person writers.



In this dynamic writing workshop, we will read and discuss poems and short prose pieces that celebrate life and give voice to loss in haunting, hopeful, and healing ways. Then, in a series of guided, writing exercises, suitable for prose writers (fiction and nonfiction) and poets, we will generate new work to help us honor and begin to reconcile the losses of the last several years.

Instructor: Mary Volmer

\$60.00 suggested donation for both sessions
(2 hours each). (You are welcome to donate
more to support the community.) No one
will be turned away for lack of funds.

This was a 2-day event, but it's okay to join us for just
one day. For a link to register, please go to our website at
orindacommunitychurch.org

REGULAR WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT THE CHURCH

- **Mondays at 9:30 am** we have centering prayer in the chapel. This is a time of silent, contemplative prayer. We begin with a reading, spend 15 minutes in silent prayer, and then offer a time for processing.
- We are piloting in-person contemplative services in the chapel on **Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.** We may offer only one Wednesday service depending on how many are in attendance. This is a short service that includes readings, music, and time for prayer. The church will continue to send out an electronic version of the contemplative service each Wednesday as well.
- Join Leslie via zoom for an interlude of uplift, refreshment and music, **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., which resumes 10/14/21.**
*For the link, check your eblast or go to our website:
orindacommunitychurch.org*
- The **Theology and Scripture Group** continues to meet at **2:00 p.m. on Thursdays** via Zoom. We are now reading the second chapter in a study of Elaine Pagels' book *Beyond Belief, the secret gospel of Thomas*. Please join us for lively and meaningful conversation.
*For the link, check your eblast or go to our website:
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- **Sunday Insanity!** The Youth Group meets **immediately following services on Sunday.**

- **CALLING ALL LADIES!** Come join Leslie for lunch in collaboration with our friends and partners down the street!
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda
Every Thursday at 11:30 am. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!!
- The Writers' Group meets every other week **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** via Zoom. All are welcome. The next meeting date is **October 19th**.
For the link, check your eblast or go to our website:
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AND IN OTHER NEWS:

Ushering Services have been provided this week by Mike Kersten, Jill Oberheim, and Betty Wu. Thank you!

HELP WANTED! Babysitter/Nursery Nanny

Do you know someone who might be interested in being our Baby Sitter/Nursery Nanny? We are looking for someone who is responsible, warm, loving, and fun and available to work from 9:45 am to 11:45 am on Sundays (with possible additional hours later). The job includes watching infants and toddlers. SAFE Church fingerprinting procedures will be required.

If interested, or if you know of someone who is, please email us:

office@orindachurch.org



Orinda Community Church's 2021 FUNdraiser
Online beginning Monday, November 1
Pick-up and Closing Party on Sunday, November 7

- **STARTING NOW:** You can offer **an adventure, a service, an item, a gift certificate, or a food and wine offering*** by completing the form on the opposite side and submitting it to our Auction Administrator, Gail Mead (grmead@comcast.net) ASAP, but no later than OCTOBER 29, 2021.
- **NOVEMBER 1st:** You, your family / friends will be able to purchase one or more of our awesome offerings at OCC's Annual FUNdraiser website, This is the same site as last year and a link will, of course, be sent before we "go live." If you registered last year, you are still in the system for this year. items will be active until sold and the auction will close on Saturday, November 6th.

Adventures: (Always fun!!)

Cabin in the Mountains
Condo at the Beach
Concerts / Theatre tickets
Hikes / Moon Walks / Bike Rides
Tournaments: *Tennis, Golf, Bridge*

Services: (Always needed!)

Gardening / Babysitting Services
Consultation (organizing, computer, etc.)
Guide (to any place)
Tutoring (in anything)
Repair (of anything)

Gift Certificates: (Always appreciated!)

Dining at your favorite restaurant
Reading at your favorite bookstore
Flowers, chocolate, wine
Visits to the zoo or science center

Items: (Always nice to have!)

Theme gift baskets
Pie / Bread / Bouquet -A-Month
Musical Instrument
Car, boat, vehicle in GOOD shape
Sports equipment
Paintings/works of art

Food and Wine: (Back by popular demand!)

We are soliciting offerings of food and wine as either **"for pick-up only"** or as **in-person experiences**. Last year's offerings were pick-up only. Such offerings might include food and wine baskets, pre-made delivered meals, or a Zoom wine-tasting.

This year, we are accepting in-person food offerings. All participants MUST be vaccinated, and the host will set any other rules for participation (i.e., only outdoors, only during the day, etc.) These offerings can include any of our traditional "feasts" - including backyard BBQs, a Valentine's Day dinner party, a pig roast, or a themed dinner - or they might include something new. Consider any combination of food, wine and people you enjoy.

- **NOVEMBER 7TH:** On Sunday, November 7th, we will have a **Pick-up Party** after church. You can pick up your purchases and we will have food to celebrate and maybe a few additional goodies to add to your basket.

BE CREATIVE!

[turn over for form] →

OCC FALL **FUNDRAISER** DONATION FORM

Online Auction begins Monday, November 1

**Submit your offering form ASAP but no later than Friday, October 29.
Please do not leave any blanks!!!**

Pick-up Party on Sunday, November 7, following worship

Deposit in offertory plate or church office or delivery to Auction Administrator (below)

TITLE OF OFFERING _____

DATE* _____ TIME _____

PLACE** _____

DESCRIPTION _____

MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS _____

SUGGESTED PRICE: \$ _____ per person? _____ event? _____ item? _____

Minimum bid? _____ Increments? _____

DONOR(S): _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

_____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

*Be as specific as possible – no later than November 2022.

** Church facilities can be available by arrangement.

Auction Administrator: Gail Mead
510-414-6222 (mobile)
grmead@comcast.net