



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship Sunday, November 7, 2021, 10 am

Reflection: *There is never a time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment: the time is always now. --James Baldwin*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Fred Matteson, soloist

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Chris Mead

One: We gather today in praise to the Holy One.

All: We gather in sacred community.

One: Touch and feel, taste and smell the sacred of each day.

All: This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN* RED BOOK 145

Morning Has Broken

GAELIC MELODY

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Chris Mead

We watch for...

God, who brings rain and wind and snow,

Jesus, who tells of the wideness of mercy,

The Holy Spirit, who inspires us in love,

Come Holy Spirit ... Come.

A Time of Silence

**Stand as you are able*

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mary Volmer

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Chris Mead

Psalm 119: 40-42

Mark 12: 41-44

SERMON

The Time is Always Now

Reverend Lee Cruise

WE RESPOND

HYMN* RED BOOK 393

Spirit of the Living God

D. Iverson

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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.

**Stand as you are able*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

A TIME OF GIVING

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Jesslyn Thomas, soloist

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reverend Barry Cammer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

Greg McCall, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Holy One, this simple meal of bread and juice reminds us of your limitless and inclusive love for us and for all creation. May your Spirit remind us daily that we are welcome in your love, that we are members of your sacred creation, and that we belong to each other. May the love and ministry of Jesus flourish within our hearts, our lives, and our actions. Accept our gratitude this day. Amen.

HYMN* RED BOOK 719

My Lord What A Morning

Spiritual

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Lee Cruise

POSTLUDE

Greg McCall, soloist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Alta Mesa Center Reading Series:

November 14th at 4:00pm AMCA hosts an afternoon reading celebrating
ESSENTIAL TRUTHS: The Bay Area in Color

featuring:

Joyce E. Young
Max Leung
Shizue Seigel
Vickie Y-Rong Chang
Sridevi Ramanathan
Tehmina Khan

Register for this free online event at <https://forms.gle/ZqF4mqg1dbjVzkBn7>

Or for the link, check your eblast or go to our website: 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.
- 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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- The Writers' Group meets every other week **Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.** via Zoom. All are welcome. The next meeting date is **November 16th**.
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AND IN OTHER NEWS:

**Thank you to this week's ushers:
Kathleen Wiegand, Tré Frane and Mike Kersten**

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

