

# **Orinda Community Church**

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

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, February 27, 2022, 10am** 

**Reflection**: We are charged with the transmutation, the resurrection, the transfiguration of all things. For how can we save what is visible if not by using the language of absence, of the invisible? And how to speak this language that remains mute unless we sing it with abandon and without any insistence on being understood.—Rainer Maria Rilke

### **WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE** 

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

**INTROIT** 

**WELCOME** 

**Reverend Barry Cammer** 

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

from 2 Corinthians 3

Mary Volmer

**One:** Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.

All: We will not be like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the glory shining on his face.

**One:** We will not let our minds and hearts be hardened. For, in faith, the veil has been taken away.

All: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

<sup>\*</sup> Stand as you are able

**One:** And all of us, with unveiled faces seeing the glory of God, are being transformed.

All: Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

HYMN\* BH 184

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

The Agincourt Song, 1415

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Mary Volmer

God of transfiguration, it is good that we are here.

In peace we make our prayer to you.

In trust we confirm our faith in you ...

Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would have us go.

Holy Spirit, look on us with compassion and welcome.

Divine One, transfigure and heal. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

**Reverend Barry Cammer** 

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE LISTEN

**SOLO** 

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 

Mary Volmer

Exodus 34:29–35 Luke 9:28–36

**SERMON** 

With Shining Faces

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

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#### WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 581

Lead Us From Death to Life

M. Haugen

#### 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

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY RH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 497

Guide My Feet

Spiritual

**BENEDICTION\*** 

**POSTLUDE** 

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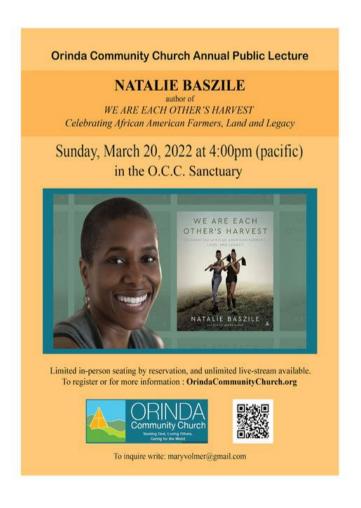
## **Orinda Community Church**

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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.



## **Upcoming 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. Don't know what that is? We'd be glad to tell you more about it!
- Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief Contemplative Service in the chapel. It includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- Ladies Luncheon every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Road.
- 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, 3/3/22, at 2:00 pm.
- We also have a choir and a bell ensemble to which you are warmly invited! If interested, email us at office@orindachurch.org

# **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, 3/8/22 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, March 10, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

Women of Spirit is a monthly gathering of inclusive, curious women seeking connection, shared learning and growth with other women of diverse faith traditions. We are not affiliated with any religious institution, and are open to all. For more info, visit: https://www.womenofspiritlamorinda.org - or - https://www.facebook.com/womenofspiritlamorinda.

Please join us on Thursday, March 4 at 12 noon

Please check your eblast for the link. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Leslie at (925) 285-0996

# **CALLING ALL RINGERS!!!**



#### HANDBELLS IN NEED OF HELP

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Handbell Choir is short one ringer to play on Palm Sunday, April 10th, and at the wedding of one of the ringers on Saturday, June 4th. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm and continuing every Tuesday thereafter until June 4th. Please contact Nancy Thursby if you can help out and play with us: nlthursby@comcast.net

Thank you to this week's ushers, John Skidgel, Leslie Dickson, Gail Mead, and Lani Shepp.



~ GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP ~

In response to the losses we have experienced in our community, we are planning to create a grief support group. If you would like to participate in this, please contact Elizabeth at

elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com

Zoom links are posted in our eblasts and on our website and we always welcome new attendees!

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