



Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship
Sunday, March 6, 2022, 10 am
First Sunday of Lent



Painting by Mark Rothko

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

INTROIT

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

**Please stand, as you are able*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Marilyn Welland

One: We may be entering this season arid, dry from pain and injustices.

Many: And yet, God is still hydrating our spirits.

One: We may be wandering, feeling as if we have no direction.

Many: And yet, God is guiding us in the wilderness.

One: We may be fearful, wondering what comes next.

Many: And yet, God is surrounding us with peace.

One: We may begin our Lenten journey spiritually arid, aimless, and anxious.

Many: But the Spirit of Strength will never leave us.

HYMN* BH 345

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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COMMUNITY PRAYER

Marilyn Welland

Divine Sojourner,

As we saunter far into the wilderness, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the prejudices deep within us. However we wander in this season, may your Holy Glow refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we connect with our siblings. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Please stand, as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Marilyn Welland

Romans 10: 8

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

““He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”¹When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

SERMON

The Word is in Your Mouth

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 482

I Will Lift the Cloud of Night

JONES

**Please 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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reverend Barry Cammer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 2020

O God How We Have Wandered

PASSION CHORALE

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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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.

Alta Mesa Center for the Arts
*presents an afternoon reading
and discussion featuring*

Kaya Oakes

author of
***The Defiant Middle:
How Women Claim Life's
In-Betweens to Remake
the World***

with special guests:
Ink Sisters Press



Sunday March 13
at 4:00 pm (pacific)
on Zoom

Check your eblast, or go to our website www.orindachurch.org to sign up.

Orinda Community Church Annual Public Lecture

NATALIE BASZILE

author of

WE ARE EACH OTHER'S HARVEST

Celebrating African American Farmers, Land and Legacy

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 4:00pm (pacific)
in the O.C.C. Sanctuary



Limited in-person seating by reservation, and unlimited live-stream available.
To register or for more information : OrindaCommunityChurch.org



To inquire write: maryvolmer@gmail.com

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, 3/10/22, at 2:00 pm.
- **Life after Loss** is a new Grief Support Group, meeting on Thursdays in the Fireside Room at 12 noon. This is an 8-week session. The last day to join this group is 3/10/22. If interested in joining this session, please contact Reverend Barry at barry@healthypathcounseling.org. There are plans for future sessions.
- 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.

Zoom links are posted in our eblasts and on our website:

www.orindacommunitychurch.org

CALLING ALL RINGERS!!!



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 1st, 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 our ushers this week, Carey & Bill Carpenter, Kathleen Wiegand, and Mike Kersten.



~ LIFE AFTER LOSS ~

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

In response to the losses we have experienced in our community, we have started a grief support group. Meetings are every Thursday, at 12 noon in the Fireside Room (in Fellowship Hall).

If you would like to participate in a Life After Loss meeting, please contact Reverend Barry at barry@healthypathcounseling.org. This is an 8-week session and the last day to join this one is March 10th. There will be more sessions in the future.