



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10 am Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection: *Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me... Anything can happen, child. Anything can be.*
— Shel Silverstein

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

INTROIT

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mike Kersten

One: God desires to gather us.

Many: **She gathers us together.**

One: Her wings spread out before us.

Many: **Her presence, all around us—**

One: To nurture is her nature.

Many: **To mother is her gift.**

One: For our safety, she reaches—

Many: **For our good, she moves—**

* *Stand as you are able*

One: Sheltering over us
Many: She is our fortress.

One: Deep in her underwing,
Many: She is our strength.

One: Because of us, she is wounded.
Many: By her wounds we are saved

One: Until all fear is gone,
Many: Until the work is finished.

One: In her, we find our justice.
Many: In her, we find our peace. Amen.

HYMN* BH 212

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns

David Evans, 1927

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Mike Kersten

Loving One, join us together as we follow the way of Jesus. Let us find faith and support in each other. We are dismayed at many things happening in the world right now. Take our attention from earthly things that fade and do not nourish us. Our citizenship is, instead, in your Beloved Community. Let this world be transformed by our faith and good works. We pray that you will show us how to be true brothers and sisters. We pray that our love for your creation will teach us to stand firm in you. 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

* *Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mike Kersten

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.

* *Stand as you are able*

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

SERMON

To see God in the Land of the Living

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 177

God of Change and Glory

Al Carmine, 1973

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

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 397

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

The Christian Lyre, 1833

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Barry Cammer

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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.

Check your eblast or go to our website www.orindacommunitychurch.org:

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

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.

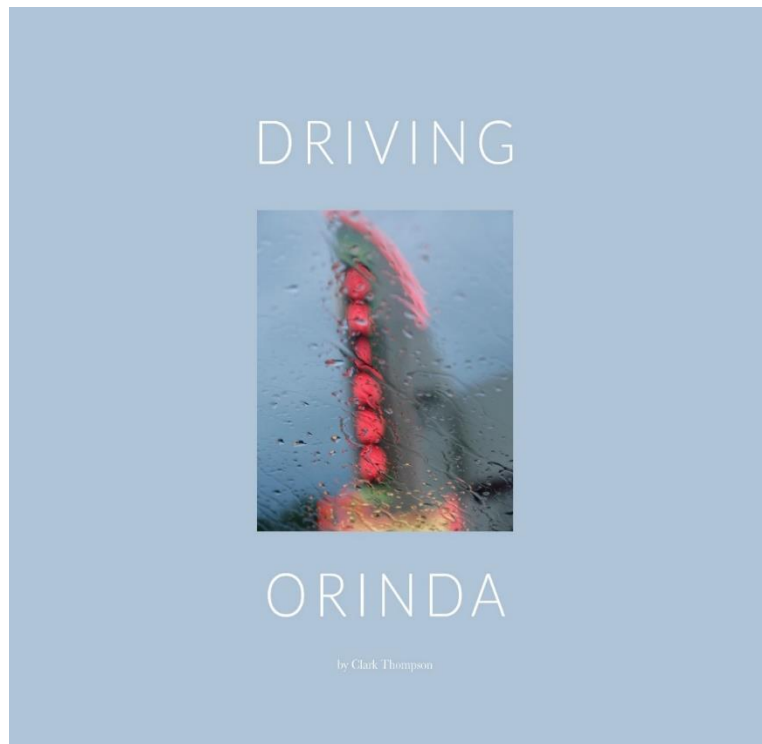
- ✚ Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, we host **Centering Prayer**. Don't know what that is? We'd be glad to tell you more about it!
- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief **Contemplative Service** in the chapel. It includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- ✚ 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, 3/17/22, 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, 3/22/22 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 24, 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



**CLARK THOMPSON WILL BE AT ORINDA BOOKS ON
FRIDAY MARCH 25TH @ 4:00 PM
FOR A BOOK SIGNING OF HIS GORGEOUS PHOTOGRAPHY
BOOK OF ORINDA.**



**Thank you to our ushers this week:
Marilyn Welland, Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp and Betty Wu.**

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 are Tuesdays, from 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



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Number of Easter Lilies (double stalks) \$18.00 each _____

Number of Azaleas flowers \$23.00 each _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed

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