



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, March 20, 2022, 10 am Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection: *How often, on this great spinning ball where we're all just struggling to lead our tiny lives, do you get to see evidence of God's grace and know, the way you know your name, that at least for a little while, maybe just a few seconds, you can stop worrying, and take a deep breath, because things are all right?*

Once you understand how the ingredients work together, then you can go off on your own. Till then, you're just wasting good food and everybody's time.

— Natalie Baszile

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Jeane Samuelsen

One: Blessed are You, Holy God, Life of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

All: Blessed are You, Creator, quencher of all thirsts, who creates the fruit of the vine.

One: Blessed are Divine Wisdom, taproot of all being, who creates the fruit of the tree.

All: Blessed are You, Wellspring, eternally verdant, who creates the fruit of the ground.

* *Stand as you are able*

One: Blessed are You, Guiding Voice, at whose word all came to be.

All: God of reassurance and joy, we are fed by you. In your love we are hearty and content.

HYMN* BH 575

O for a World

Lowell Mason 1839

COMMUNITY PRAYER *from a Native American prayer*

Jeane Samuelsen

**God, teach us quiet ~ as the grasses are still with new light.
God, teach us humility ~ as blossoms are humble with beginning.
God, teach us freedom ~ as the eagle that soars in the sky.
God, teach us renewal ~ as the seed that rises in the spring.
God, teach us to forget myself ~ as melted snow forgets its life.
God, teach us to remember kindness ~ as dry fields weep with rain. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeane Samuelsen

Isaiah 55: 1-3, 8-12

*“Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!*

* *Stand as you are able*

*Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.
Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.*

Luke 13: 6-8

Then Jesus told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the gardener who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

“‘Sir,’ the gardener replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

SERMON

Bread for the Eater

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 586

Come to Tend God’s Garden

R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

* *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.
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 558

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Trad. Dutch

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

* *Stand as you are able*

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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.

TODAY AT 4 PM IN THE SANCTUARY!!!

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](https://www.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.

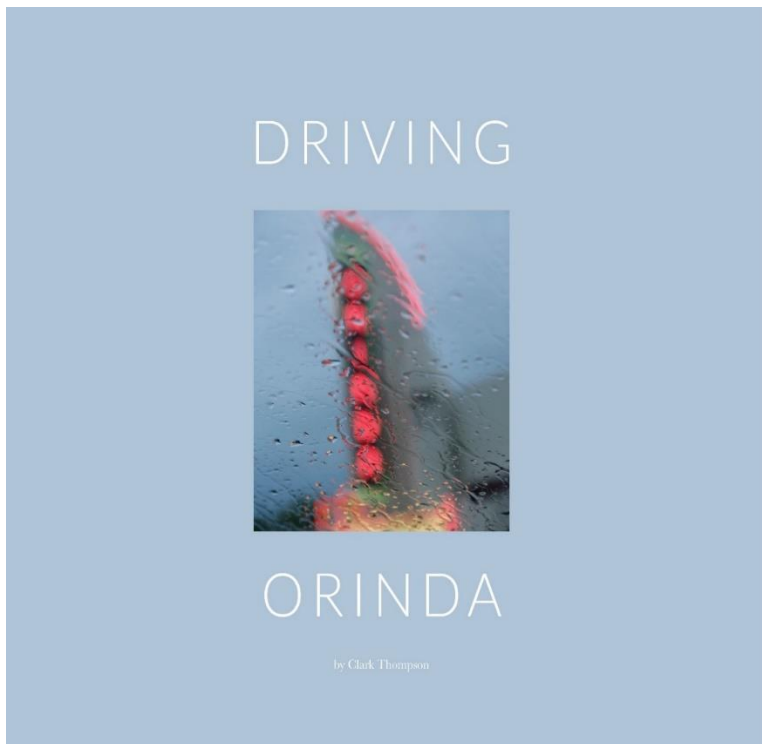
- ✚ Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, we host **Centering Prayer**. Don't know what that is? We'd be glad to tell you more about it!
- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief **Contemplative Service** in the chapel. It includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service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

Ushers & Greeters



**A BIG Thank you to our ushers this week:
Roger & Jeane Samuelsen, Kathi Kling and John Thursby**



Those wishing to support Ukrainians may want to donate through the United Church of Christ. We have confidence that funds directed this way will reach people in need.
<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

You are invited to a memorial service for Dick Long on
Saturday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m.



You are invited to a memorial service for Bill Simpson on
Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m.



ORDER FORM--2022 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers

Your name _____

Name of memorial **or** honoree (**please circle one**) _____

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

Number of Azaleas \$23.00 each _____

White Basket for flowers (optional) \$10.00 each _____

Check for \$_____ enclosed

Flowers can be picked up following Easter service on April 17th. Please return form to church office or put in offering plate by April 10th.