



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10am PALM SUNDAY



Reflection: *It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ.
My hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt.*
— Fyodor Dostoevsky

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN BH 216 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH 1615

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

* *Stand as you are able*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 118

Reverend Lee Cruise

One: O give thanks to God, who is so good to us,
whose steadfast love endures forever!

All: **Let all the people say and know that God's,
steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Open to us the gates of righteousness,
so that we can walk with Jesus and enter the Beloved Community.
We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

All: **This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: **Our spirits rise before God who has given us light.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

COMMUNITY PRAYER *from Isaiah 50*

Reverend Lee Cruise

**GOD has given us the tongues of a teachers, so that we will know how
to sustain the weary with a word.**

**Morning by morning you waken us—waken our ears to listen as those
who are taught.**

**You have opened our ears and we face toward you. and we will not
turn back.**

**God is here to help everyone and to vindicate all violence, injustice, and
suffering. Let us stand up together and live in the love of God.**

Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

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MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Barry Cammer

WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reverend Lee Cruise

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong with the world.
If I am hungry, that is a material problem; if someone else is hungry, that is a spiritual problem.

God gives us humans everything we need to flourish, but God's not the one who's supposed to divvy up the loot... You want to see where Christ crucified abides today? Go to where the poor are suffering and resisting, and that's where He is.

-- Paul Farmer

SERMON

A Complicated Hosanna

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

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WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 213

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE, 1784

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* **RH 160**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION 1865

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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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.

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

An afternoon reading and discussion with poets

Nate Klug and Katie Peterson.

Join us on Zoom at 4:00pm (pacific) on April 10, 2022

Register here: <https://forms.gle/M2M3RC3igu7opkZz5>



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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@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, 4/14/22, 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

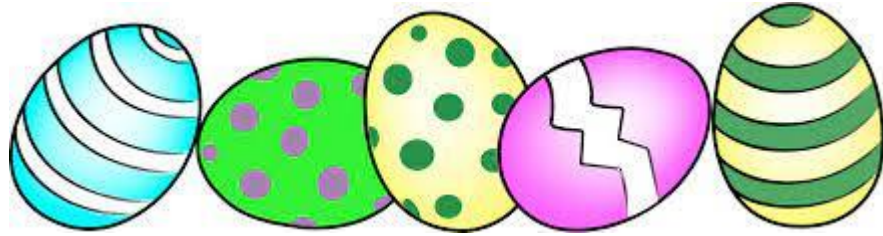
Every other week:

- ✚ 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, 4/19/22 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, April 21, 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

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10 AM SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY



Hop on over to an Easter Egg Hunt right after church!
Bring your own basket!

Kids up to 1st grade will hunt on the grassy areas and older kids will hunt up in the Olive Grove.
This is a family affair, so parents, please stay with your children as they hunt.



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>



SOCK AND BELT DRIVE



We are doing a sock and belt drive for the Trinity Center in Walnut Creek. Help homeless people keep their feet healthy and clean with your donations of new socks. Belts of all sizes (gently used is okay) are also needed. Place your donations in the big paper sock in the narthex. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to this week's ushers:
Marilyn Welland, Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp and Betty Wu



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.**