

Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, October 16, 2022, 10 am



Reflection: “I remember that feeling of skin. It's strange to remember touch more than thought. But my fingers still tingle with it.”
— Lucy Christopher

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Mike Kersten

One: Let us savor your touch, Healing One.

**Stand as you are able*

All: We feel the warmth of your presence on our skin, in our hearts.

One: Lift us with your strength, Holy Power.

All: We feel your power lifting and guiding us.

One: Draw us together, Uniting God.

All: We feel ourselves joining hands, clasped in fellowship.

One: Bless us, and all creation, God.

All: We feel your blessing crowning us.

HYMN* RH 267

O Love, How Deep

Benjamin Webb

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Mike Kersten

Nurturer, Daily Companion,

You are a family member. You stretch before us and bring us into the new day. You scratch our backs when they itch. You give us a hand when our balance is precarious. Your touch is everywhere. We feel it on our skin. We remember it as the grace that saved us. We pray to touch as you do—with reverence and love, with gladness. We pray for the constant connection that you give so freely. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

INTERACTIVE MOMENT

WE LISTEN

SOLO

**Stand as you are able*

Jeremiah 1:9

Then God put out God's hand and touched my mouth. And the Divine One said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

Mark 6:56

And wherever Jesus came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Luke 6:19

And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

Luke 18:15

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

Matthew 17:7

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."

SERMON

Holy Touch

Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 288

Let It Breathe on Me

Magnolia Lewis-Butts

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

STEWARDSHIP

Kurt Sunderbach

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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 438

When Peace, Like a River

Philip P. Bliss

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.

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion featuring

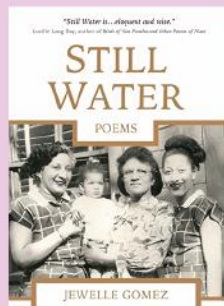
**poet, novelist, playwright
and cultural worker**

Jewelle Gomez

with Joan Steinau Lester

November 13, 2022 at 4:00pm (pacific)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/dtjDTbevg1BAZucx6>



Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, an interfaith arts hub, is housed and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@gmail.com

Weekly 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.
- ✚ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief Contemplative Service in the chapel, which includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- ✚ Life and Loss Group meets every Thursday in the Fireside Room at 12 noon. You are welcome to simply attend, or if you have questions, please call or email the office.
- ✚ 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, October 13, at 2:00 pm.

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 and Fellowship Hall; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 20, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



Ushers

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Roger Samuelsen, Karen Sanford, John & Nancy Thursby, and Joan Upshaw

Save the date!



Fall Festival and Auction Sunday, November 6, 2022

Auction Donation slips due 10/28/22

PLEASE NOTE:

On 10/23/22, 10:00 am Church Services will be held in Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by our 2nd Hour, "What's on the Ballot?"



MERCY & JUSTICE/CREATION JUSTICE NEWS & EVENTS

Karen Sanford ksandford227@gmail.com
Nancy Thursby nlthursby@comcast.net

- ✓ **Faithful Voting Second Hour, “What’s on the Ballot?”:** A second hour featuring an informative program and discussion of the propositions that will appear on our ballot will be held October 23rd.
- ✓ **Common Hope:** Want to sponsor a child in Guatemala? See Karen Sanford or Roger Samuelsen, rogsam58@gmail.com
M & J hopes to sponsor a service trip to Guatemala in 2023.
- ✓ **Connie Doty Memorial Knitting Group:** A new group has formed to create service projects, like chemo-caps for cancer patients who have lost their hair due to treatment. Interested? Contact Nancy Thursby



- ✓ **Winter Nights:** The church will be hosting two sessions in 2023, February 20-March 6 and May 1-15.

Faithful Voting Second Hour, “What’s on the Ballot?” October 23, 2022 Fellowship Hall



From the UCC *Our Faith, Our Vote Resource Packet*:

“Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!” Isaiah 58:1”

“Our vote is the means we have to make an impactful noise about the local, state, and national issues that concern us For people of faith, the public area we know as ‘politics’ represents much more than the partisan politicking we see on the news. It is a means by which we live out the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.”

Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister
Justice and Local Church Ministries
United Church of Christ

Please join us for this second hour on 10/23/22, featuring an informative program on Voters’ Edge and discussion of the propositions that will appear on our ballot. We will have volunteers report on the seven propositions that will be on the ballot and hold a brief discussion of each covering as many as we can as time permits.

“Voter’s Edge California (VEC) is a joint project of MapLight and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF).* Voter’s Edge California is a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California.” (www.votersedge.org, click “About”)

Orinda Community Church's 2022 FUNdraiser Online
beginning Monday, October 31
Pick-up and Closing Party on Sunday, November 6th

- **STARTING NOW:** You can offer **an adventure, a service, an item, a gift certificate, or a food and wine offering*** by completing the form on the opposite side and submitting it to our Auction Administrator, Gail Mead (grmead@comcast.net) ASAP, but **no later than OCTOBER 28, 2022.**
- **This year's auction will be both online and in person!** The online auction starts October 31st and closes November 5th. On November 6th, after services, there will an in-person auction (OCC only) & pick-up party for sold auction items, and sale of items not sold at the close of the online auction. You, the donor, can choose if you prefer your item to be sold in-person to OCC members only.
- **ONLINE AUCTION:** You, your family/friends, will be able to purchase one or more of our awesome offerings at OCC's Annual **FUNdraiser** website. This is the same site as last year and a link will be sent before we "go live". If you registered last year, you are still in the system for this year. Items will be active from October 31st until sold and the auction will close on Saturday, November 5th.
- **IN-PERSON AUCTION** This year we are soliciting donations for an in-person auction, to be held after church, on Sunday November 6. Donors must choose their donation whether their donation will be offered to ALL (online), or just OCC members.
- **NOVEMBER 6th:** On Sunday, November 6, in addition to our in-person auction, we will have a **Pick-up Party** after church. You can pick up your purchases and we will have food to celebrate and maybe a few additional goodies to add to your basket.

• **OFFERINGS** ***BE CREATIVE!***

Adventures: (Always fun!!)

Cabin in the Mountains/Condo at the Beach
 Concerts / Theatre tickets
 Hikes / Moon Walks / Bike Rides
 Tournaments: *Tennis, Golf, Bridge*

Services: (Always needed!)

Gardening / Babysitting Services
 Consultation (organizing, computer, etc.)
 Guide (to any place)
 Tutoring (in anything)
 Repair (of anything)

Items: (Always nice to have!)

Theme gift baskets
 Pie / Bread / Bouquet -A Month
 Musical Instrument
 Car, boat, vehicles (working)
 Sports equipment
 Paintings/works of art

Gift Certificates: (Always appreciated!)

Dining at your favorite restaurant
 Reading at your favorite bookstore
 Flowers, chocolate, wine
 Visits to the zoo or science center

Food and Wine: (Back by popular demand!)

This year, we are accepting in-person food offerings. All participants MUST be vaccinated, and the host will set any other rules for participation (i.e., only outdoors, only during the day, etc.) These offerings can include any of our traditional "feasts" - including backyard BBQs, a Valentine's Day dinner party, a pig roast, or a themed dinner – or they might include something new.

(FORM ON NEXT PAGE)

OCC FALL FUNDRAISER DONATION FORM

Online Auction begins Monday, October 31

**Submit your offering form ASAP but no later than Friday, October 28.
Please do not leave any blanks!!!**

Pick-up Party on Sunday, November 6, following worship

Deposit in offertory plate or church office or delivery to Auction Administrator (below)

TITLE OF OFFERING _____

DATE* _____ TIME _____

PLACE** _____

DESCRIPTION _____

Okay to auction ONLINE OR IN PERSON? (please check one)

ONLINE OKAY (anyone can bid) _____ IN-PERSON ONLY (only for OCC) _____

MAXIMUM # OF PARTICIPANTS _____

SUGGESTED PRICE: \$ _____ per person? ___ event? ___ item? ___

Minimum bid? _____ Increments? _____

DONOR(S): _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

_____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

*Be as specific as possible – no later than November 2023.

** Church facilities can be available by arrangement.

Auction Administrator: Gail Mead
510-414-6222 (mobile)
grmead@comcast.net