



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13, 2022, 10 am

Reflection:

“We don’t “deserve” anything. Anything! It’s all a gift. Until we have begun to live in the kingdom of God, instead of the kingdoms of this world, we will think exactly like the world. To understand the Gospel in its radical, transformative power, we have to stop counting, measuring, and weighing. We have to stop saying “I deserve” and deciding who does not deserve. None of us deserves! This daily conversion is hard to do unless we’ve experienced infinite mercy and realized that it’s all a gift – all the time.”

Fr. Richard Rohr, 2021
The Center for Action and Contemplation

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR The Acolytes

WELCOME Reverend Barry Cammer

CALL TO WORSHIP* Nancy Peterson

One: Even in our illnesses, misfortunes, and aging processes, we are some of the most fortunate individuals on the planet.

People: We sit in our homes surrounded by our possessions, our apartments and houses, our cars and trucks, our cupboards stocked with food.

**Stand as you are able*

One: We breathe air, drink water, stand on earth, doze under trees, all not of our own making.

People: Today we will explore what it means to say that “all that I have is a gift.”

All: Today we will reflect on the very nature of what we have and what we do with what we have. Spirit, surround us as we open our hearts to a deeper way of gratitude, a deeper way of being. Make us courageous.

HYMN* BH 71

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Richard Wayne Dirksen

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Peterson

Oh Source of Love and Light, Source of all Creation, forgive us when we start to think that everything and all creation belong to us. You have gifted us with so much, we have begun to act as if we control everything and everyone. We work for decades to accumulate possessions so that we might live comfortably. Our names are on the lease, our monthly bills come addressed to “owner”, and we fence ourselves into our own property with a locked gate. Where have we gone astray? When did we misunderstand your desires for your creation and for our lives? Help us today to hold on less rigidly to those things in our care. Help us to do with our possessions what Jesus might find more loving.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Barry Cammer

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE LISTEN

SOLO

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The Laborers in the Vineyard

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON

Everything is a Gift

Reverend Barry Cammer

HYMN* BH 2

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

WE RESPOND

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

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 32

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

ROEDER

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.

TODAY AT 4 PM!!!

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion featuring

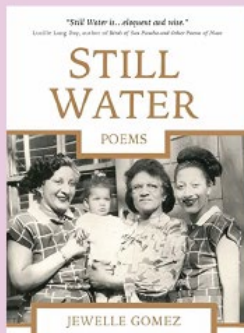
**poet, novelist, playwright
and cultural worker**

Jewelle Gomez

with Joan Steinau Lester

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

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/dtjDTbevglBAZucx6>



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**. (Centering Prayer is on hold until Elizabeth's return, the next service is 11/21/22.)
- ✚ 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. (Contemplative Service is on hold until Elizabeth's return, the next service is 11/23/22.)
- ✚ **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, November 17, 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, November 15, 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, November 17, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp, Marilyn Welland and Betty Wu

DIRECTORIES

We distributed updated OCC Directories at last Sunday's service. If you would like the office to send you a copy by email or snail mail, please email Anna at office@orindachurch.org

Also, if you would like to have your photo added to the directory, you can send your photo by email, or stop by the office and Anna will take your pic so subsequent editions can be more complete with all of your beautiful faces!

QUICK AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Gail will be mailing out bidder and donor statements within the week.

If you have questions about your bid, double check the website.

**If you still have questions, contact Gail.
Mobile (510) 414-6222
grmead@comcast.net**



WE ARE EXCITED FOR A RICH ADVENT SEASON AT ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH!

Please join us for our **Advent Workshop** on Monday, December 4th, 4 pm - 7 pm.

We also hope you will join us for our **Advent Wednesday** evening services at 7:00 pm:

December 7: Reading of the Velveteen Rabbit by Mimi McCall

December 14: Sarah Elovich is offering a performance and meditation on **Channukah**

December 21: Our Solstice service with the labyrinth in Fellowship Hall

Each service will be accompanied by wonderful music by our remarkable musicians.

December 24: We welcome you to our 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. We will be conducting this a little bit differently this year, not with the traditional children's pageant, but with all the usual magic.

December 25: Is a Sunday! We welcome you to a simple Christmas service at 10 am. Depending how many people come, we may snuggle up in our beautiful chapel to celebrate and spend time together. Please let us know if you expect to be there so we can plan accordingly. Tell Anna in the office by email office@orindachurch.org, phone (925) 254-4906, or just stop by!

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO ANY OF THE EVENING SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL TRY TO ASSIST WITH CARPOOLING. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH RIDES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THE GIRL SCOUTS ARE COMING TO OCC 11/20 & 11/27



Local Boy Scouts of America Troop, 402G, is the biggest all-girl Scout troop in the nation!

At this time of the year, our troop likes to help spread holiday cheer with our beautiful, fresh wreaths hand delivered right to your door. Our wreaths are 22' in diameter, come straight from the Oregon forest, smell great, and even come with a handmade bow. We charge \$30 for each wreath.

These wreaths make great gifts for the holidays for friends, family, teachers and even the mail carrier.

We also make it easy for you to donate wreaths as we are partnering with Diablo Meals on Wheels and will deliver donated wreaths to their senior community.

This fundraiser helps fund our troop activities for the entire year and allows all scouts to equitably participate. Some of the activities we have planned this year include-

- Camping and canoeing at the Russian River
- Snowshoeing and snow camping at Mt. Shasta
- Hiking and backpacking at Pt. Reyes
- Experiencing Oceanography at Salt Point

Experiences like these in the scouting program help to build scouts' confidence and love of the outdoors while also providing them with leadership opportunities and creating many happy memories along the way!


If you would like to support our troop by purchasing a wreath, please purchase wreaths by going to our troop website <https://www.troop402.org/wreath-purchase> or look for us after church service on 11/20 or 11/27.

Thank you so much for your support. Troop402.org



NICOLE READER'S ART SHOW CONTINUES THROUGH NOVEMBER:

LOOKING OUT, LOOKING IN
Paintings by Nicole Reader



**13 PAINTINGS OF CONTEMPLATIVE
PEOPLE TURNING THEIR EYES ELSEWHERE**

The figures here are focused on their own environment, whether internal or external, rather than acknowledging the gaze of the viewer. Some are perched on literal overlooks, dramatic landscapes opening up before them; others barely look off the edge of the canvas, their vision turned inward.

ORINDA LIBRARY ART GALLERY
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

The show will be on exhibit throughout November 2022
nicolereader.com | lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits

And check out Brian Shepp's website: www.BrianShepp.com

NEW SHOW!

opening
OCTOBER 18, 2022

through
JANUARY 17, 2023

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FROZEN WORLDS PHOTOGRAPHY
BRIAN SHEPP



featuring the piece: "Mother & Child"

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