

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, February 26, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public. — Cornel West

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT SOLO

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Marilyn Welland

One: As God's holy and beloved, put on compassionate hearts,
kindness, humility, and patience.

**All: We will devote ourselves to being kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving—just as God is with us.**

One: For it is good to be near God; we have made God our
refuge.

**All: For God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice. God
desires wisdom rather than empty ritual.**

One: So you, but the help of your God, hold fast to love and
justice.

All: Amen, and so we wait continually for our God.

HYMN* RH 156

I Love to Tell the Story

William G. Fischer

**Stand as you are able*

LIFE LONG LEARNING & SPIRITUAL FORMATION SECOND-HOUR SERIES

(after the Worship Service, in the Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 26: 'Christian Nationalism' discussion



And coming soon!

2nd Hour

Sunday, March 12: Lucina Lopez



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Phil Bernard, Leslie Dickson, Gail Mead & John Skidgel

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Volmer

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Marilyn Welland

God of courage, we give thanks for all those who work to change a culture that is supremely bent away from your loving mercy and care for all people, and we thank you for the witness of people across the ages who engage our imagination around justice and spur on your good work in the world. God of love and mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

WE LISTEN

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8

Marilyn Welland

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Holy One require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

REFLECTION

Chris Mead

**Stand as you are able*

WE RESPOND

HYMN* RH 473

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

A TIME OF PRAYER

Roger Samuelson

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

Roger Samuelson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
& PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Fred Matteson



2023

We are hosting the Winter Nights Family Shelter in Fellowship Hall from **February 20 thru March 6**, and again from **May 1 thru May 15**. Winter Nights creates a warm, dry, healthy place to stay — with hot, nutritious food and friendly helpers!

**Stand as you are able*

THE CHANCEL RINGERS *What Wondrous Love This Is* Jason Klug

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 111

How Can We Name a Love Franklin L. Sheppard

BENEDICTION*

Chris Mead

POSTLUDE



Confirmation?
God?
The Bible?
Justice?

**COME JOIN US FOR
SPRING
RETREAT**

**There will be games, food, and teachings
on what the heck all *this* is about.**

 **March 18th - 19th**
 **11am Sat - 2pm Sun**
 **Orinda Community Church**
 **An event for Bay Area UCC Youth
Students from 8th grade to 12th grade**



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WEEKLY EVENTS

In addition to 10 am Sunday worship, we offer these weekly:

- ❖ 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 from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, March 2, at 2:00 pm.

And these very 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, March 7, 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. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, March 9, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE



If you would like to help with the Earthquake Response in Turkey and Syria, you can be certain that with your financial support through the United Church of Christ will go the right folks who will be there helping those in need.

There are 4 easy ways to do this:

1. You can go to ucc.org and click the "DONATE NOW" button on the top which will take you to the earthquake relief page – OR --
2. You may text UCCDISASTER to 41444 – OR --
3. Check your eblast for a link – OR --
4. You can mail a check made payable to the **United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194**. Please be sure to note "Turkey and Syria" on your check in the memo section.

All donations will be deposited into the International Emergency fund designated for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response". Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery.