

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Boy Scout Sunday

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:
A reading featuring acclaimed author Allison Landa
with Julia Scheeres

May 7, 2023 at 4:00pm (pst)

Register for this free, online event here:
<https://forms.gle/VSm8nCcnfJc62NKt5>



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



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Reflection:

The spirit is there in every scout; it has to be discovered
and brought to light.

—Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts

Ours is a circle of friendships united by ideals.

—Juliette Gordon Lowe, founder of Girl Scouts

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Wyatt Johnson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *adapted from the Boy Scout Law* Judy McCall

One: In your sight, God, may we be trustworthy and loyal, keeping our promises and showing that we care about our families, friends, and community.

All: May we be helpful and friendly, offering assistance to others, even those very different from ourselves.

One: God, teach us to act with kindness and courage, facing difficult situations even when we are afraid.

All: We pledge to live in gratitude, using our resources. We stand before you, reverent, respect the beliefs of others and yet faithful to our beliefs.

**Stand as you are able*



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**Alta Mesa Center for the Arts Presents on May 7th, 4:00pm (pacific)
Alta Mesa Center for the Arts' Reading Series**

A Reading Featuring acclaimed author Allison Landa, author of the remarkable new memoir: BEARDED LADY with Julia Scheeres

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Allison Landa's memoir BEARDED LADY came out from Woodhall Press in October 2022. She has held residencies at MacDowell, Playa Summer Lake, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, and The Julia and David White Artists' Colony and has been a grant recipient from the Center for Cultural Innovation and the City of Berkeley. She earned her MFA in fiction writing from St. Mary's College of California and currently writes, teaches, and coaches on a professional basis. She is represented by Marisa Zeppieri of Strachan Literary Agency.

Julia Scheeres is the NYT bestselling author of the memoir *Jesus Land; A Thousand Lives*, a history of the Jonestown tragedy, and *Listen, World!* a biography of Hearst columnist Elsie Robinson.)

(see flyer on back page)



Calling All Volunteers!

We will host Winter Nights from May 1 to 15 and we will need your help: Volunteer needs include: overnights, child care, tutors and dinners for 14 days. If you know of a group that would like to do a meal or help out please invite them!

There will be two orientations and kitchen tours for all volunteers— on **Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm** and **Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am** after church—please plan to attend one of these.

Sign-ups are happening now!
Check in with Lani or let the office know you are interested by email office@orindachurch.org,
or phone (925) 254-4906,
or email Lani: lshepp@icloud.com

HYMN* BH 2 *Glory, Glory Hallelujah* African America Spiritual

COMMUNITY PRAYER *a Girl Scout prayer* Judy McCall

**In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.
Look with compassion on the whole human family;
remove from us the arrogance, divisions, and hatred that have
infected our hearts; break down the walls that separate us;
reunite us in bonds of love;
and guide us as we work through our confusion
to accomplish your purposes on earth
so that, in your good time, all nations and races may jointly
serve you in justice, peace, and harmony. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Reverend Bev Blaisdell

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

WE LISTEN

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy McCall

Psalm 127:3

Behold, children are a heritage from God!

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Proverbs 24:13-14

My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, there will be a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

HISTORY & REFLECTION

Tom Norris

SPEAKERS FROM TROOP 237

James Mackenzie
Ryan Kaelle

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 458

I've Got a Feeling

African American Traditional

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MERCY & JUSTICE PRESENTS CLIMATE ACTION WEEK 2ND HOUR



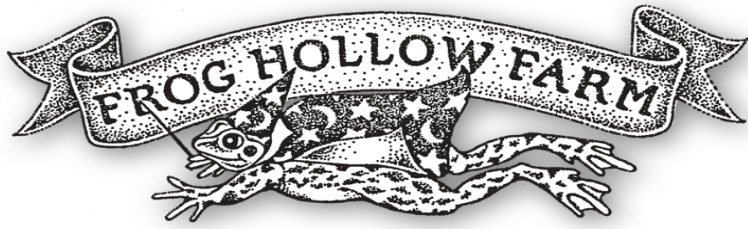
Please join us for the 2nd Hour today April 23rd in Fellowship Hall, immediately following services for a film presentation (brunch provided by Troop 237).

Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week April 14—23, 2023
Theme: Living the Golden Rule:
Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy

Coming in June: The OCC first ever Electric Vehicle Celebration Show.

Do you own an electric vehicle - A car? A bike? A golf cart?

Contact Nancy Thursby to have your vehicle in the show!
nlthursby@comcast.net



CSA

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Bev Blaisdell

Coming Tuesdays, starting April 25th!

Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture

Bringing exceptionally flavorful, regenerative, organic fruit to the Orinda Community!

Have you signed up yet for your weekly or bi-weekly boxes of fruit?

Orinda Community Church is hosting Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture by offering them a drop-off/pick up spot for their produce.

Starting April 25th, every Tuesday, Frog Hollow will be dropping off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes will be picking them.

It's east to sign up, go to www.froghollow.com and choose Orinda as your pick-up location.



Questions? Go to their website or email them at csa@froghollow.com.

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Salve Regina

Francis Poulenc, 1941

Hello Queen
The mother of compassion
Our life, sweetness, and hope, hello
We shout to you, wanderer of the daughter Eve
To you we sigh
Groaning and crying
In this valley of tears
And so, our supporter
Direct those compassionate eyes of yours
To us
O merciful, O faithful, O sweet
Virgin Mary
And show Jesus to us, the blessed fruit
Of your womb, after this exile
O merciful, O faithful, O sweet
Virgin Mary

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**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!**

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Thank you to this week's ushers:

Phil Bernard, Leslie Dickson, Karen Sanford & John Skidgel



**The next Church Council Meeting is
Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Keep an eye out for the Zoom link in your e-blasts if you
would like to attend virtually.**



HYMN* BH 282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Bev Blaisdell

POSTLUDE

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Sunday School is offered **every** Sunday.
This session runs now through 5/21/23,
for kids 5 years and up.

Children will start in the Sanctuary with their family for
worship and walk over to the Agape Room part way
through the service for Sunday School.

AND DON'T MISS CRAFTY SUNDAY SCHOOL 5/7/23:

Carey and Bill Carpenter will be hosting a special session
with plenty of fun crafts to do!



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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

David Milnes, Director of Music

Anna Gregory, Office Administrator

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, April 27, at 2:00 pm.

And these, every other week:

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is May 2.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the Reading Group is doing a study of Marilynne Robinson. We meet via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 4, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.

**Please join Troop 237
in Fellowship Hall
after the service today,
for brunch!**



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