

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, May 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday



Painting by Hilma af Klint

Reflection:

The One who made all things for love, by the same love
keepeth them, and shall keep them without end.

—Julian of Norwich

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Nicole Parlett

INTROIT *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*

Miles McCall

POEM *by Laurel Reader-Taatzes*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Kathleen Wiegand

by Mechthild of Magdeburg, 13th Century

One: A fish cannot drown in water,
a bird does not fall in air.

**All: In the fire of creation,
God doesn't vanish.**

One: The fire brightens.
Each creature God made
must live in its own true nature.

**All: How could we resist our natures,
that live for oneness with God.**

**Stand as you are able*

Coming in June

PRIDE MONTH
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Many thanks go to Roger Samuelson for his efforts in obtaining a more secure situation for our Pride Flag.

THANK YOU, ROGER!

**ASPEN NETWORK, LLC
HELP WANTED**

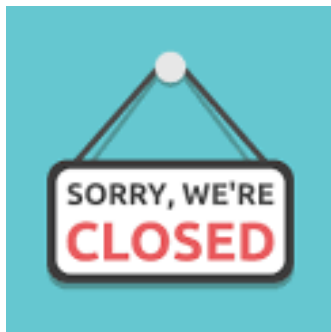
Do you know someone looking for a rewarding part-time job, as a Residential Aide for about 4 hours a day to a group of young adults who need assistance with launching their lives.

This group of young adults, mostly college students, cohabitate in a home in a dorm-style setting. But they need help with everyday organizing and planning. Responsibilities would include, reminding residents of appointments, help with organization, food prep, cleaning reminders and overall guidance, as needed. Some driving might be asked of you, but it is not a requirement.

Hours are 9 am - 1 pm-ish - but that can be flexible. Competitive pay.

Interest in counseling and/or psychology preferred, but not required.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please send your resume and/or inquiries to Meg Fields at megfields.aspen@gmail.com



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, May 22 & May 23**

HYMN* BH 89 *Awake, Awake to Love and Work!* G. A. Studdert-Kennedy

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Kathleen Wiegand

O Creative Heart, Creative Hand of Love,
Your energy lives within us with such power and beauty. We clasp our hands together and feel your presence within them. We bite into an apple and taste your simplicity. We look at a spider web and see your fine intricacy. We are part of this miraculous whole in which all of your works are fearfully and wonderfully made. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaac Reader-Taatzjes

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Forever Young by Bob Dylan

Nicolas Nackley

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathleen Wiegand

Psalm 139:13-18

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

**Stand as you are able*



Electric Vehicle Celebration Show Postponed to July

The Orinda Community Church first ever **Electric Vehicle Show** is postponed until July to allow all who wish to show their vehicle to be able to participate. This will be a fun activity to celebrate how church folks are going electric!

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

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 Farm Community Supported Agriculture by offering them a drop-off/pick up spot for their produce.

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. The boxes are deposited on the parking lot side of Fellowship Hall for pickup.



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

REFLECTION

Amelia McCall

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 28

For the Beauty of the Earth

Folliott S. Pierpoint

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.**

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MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8

Praise to the Living God

Curtis Beach

BENEDICTION*

Ava Skidgel

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to this week's ushers:

Nancy Peterson, John & Nancy Thursby, Joni Upshaw



SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Today is the last day of this session's Sunday School Program, for kids 5 years and up.

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

Thank you, Amy Parlett, for organizing this!

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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, May 25, 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 30.
- ✚ 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, June 1, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.



**The next Church Council Meeting is
Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.**

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



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.

Alta Mesa Center for the Arts' Reading Feature

A reading and discussion featuring
LUCY JANE BLEDSOE
author of "TELL THE REST"

June 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Check your eblasts to register for this free,
online event

(flyer on next page)

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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@gmail.com