



Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, May 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost



Painting by Georgia O'Keefe

Reflection:

Our task is to announce in deed and word that the exile is over, to enact the symbols that speak of healing and forgiveness, to act body in God's world in the power of the Spirit. Luther's definition of sin was *homo incurvatus in se*, "humans turned in on themselves." [...] Your task is to find the symbolic ways of doing things differently, planting flags in hostile soil, setting up signposts that say there is a different way to be human. And when people are puzzled at what you are doing, find ways - fresh ways - of telling the story of the return of the human race from its exile, and use those stories as your explanation.

You are called to be truly human, but it is nothing short of the life of God within you that enables you to be so, to be remade in God's image.

—N.T. Wright

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Thomas Green, trumpet soloist

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR
The Acolytes

WELCOME Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT Chris Jackson, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP* *by Christina Rosetti* Craig Taatjes

One: O God the Holy Ghost,
Who are light unto us
Evermore enlighten us.

**All: Thou who are fire of love
Evermore enkindle us.**

One: Thou who are Giver of Life,
Evermore live in us.

**All: Thou who bestow grace,
Evermore replenish us.**

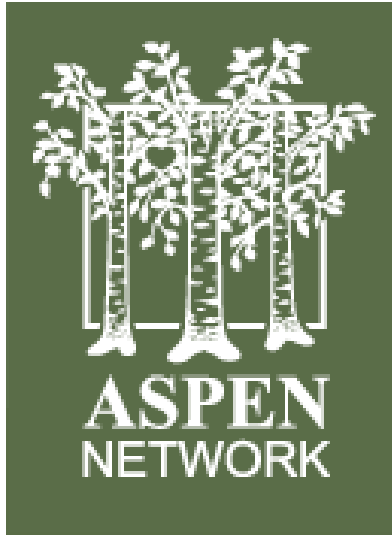
One: As the wind is thy symbol,
So forward our goings.
As the dove, so launch us heavenwards.

**All: As water, so purify our spirits.
As a cloud, so abate our temptations.
As fire, so purge our excess.
As dew, so revive us.**



We are excited to announce that Vista Verde Community Housing has just won the Grand Award at the 60th Annual Gold Nugget Awards!

The Gold Nugget Awards is the oldest and most prestigious residential design awards in the nation, recognizing those who improve our communities through exceptional concepts in design, planning and development.



ASPEN NETWORK, LLC HELP WANTED

Do you know someone looking for a rewarding, part-time job? Aspen Network seeks a Residential Aide for about 4 hours a day, to assist a group of young adults with who live in a home geared toward helping them launch their lives.

This group of young adults, mostly college students, cohabitate in a home right here in Orinda. Residents 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 hourly pay.

Interest or experience 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

HYMN* BH 289

Come Forth, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

COMMUNITY PRAYER *from the Book of Common Prayer* Craig Taatjes

O God, who on this day
did teach the hearts of thy faithful people
by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit:
Grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgment in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in the Spirit's holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior,
who liveth with thee,
in the unity of the same Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaac Reader-Taatjes

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

**Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Judy McCall, cello soloist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Craig Taatjes

Psalm 104:24-30

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**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



Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Phillip Bernard
Leslie Dickson
John Skidgel**



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 easy 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

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John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

SERMON

The Arrival

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

**Stand as you are able*

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 28

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Jean Janzen

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.**

**Stand as you are able*

**The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:
A reading featuring
Lucy Jane Bledsoe, author of **TELL THE REST****

June 11, 2023 at 4:00pm (pst)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/FfPxJYndWh8S15By7>



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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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)

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

Nik Nackley

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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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Thomas Green, trumpet soloist

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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, June 1, 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.



Temporary Help Wanted in the Church Office!

Your office administrator needs a vacation and we are looking for volunteers to cover her for 2 weeks in late summer (Late July/early August).

This is a paid “volunteer” position.

If you know someone who would be interested,
or if you are interested,
please contact Anna Gregory:

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