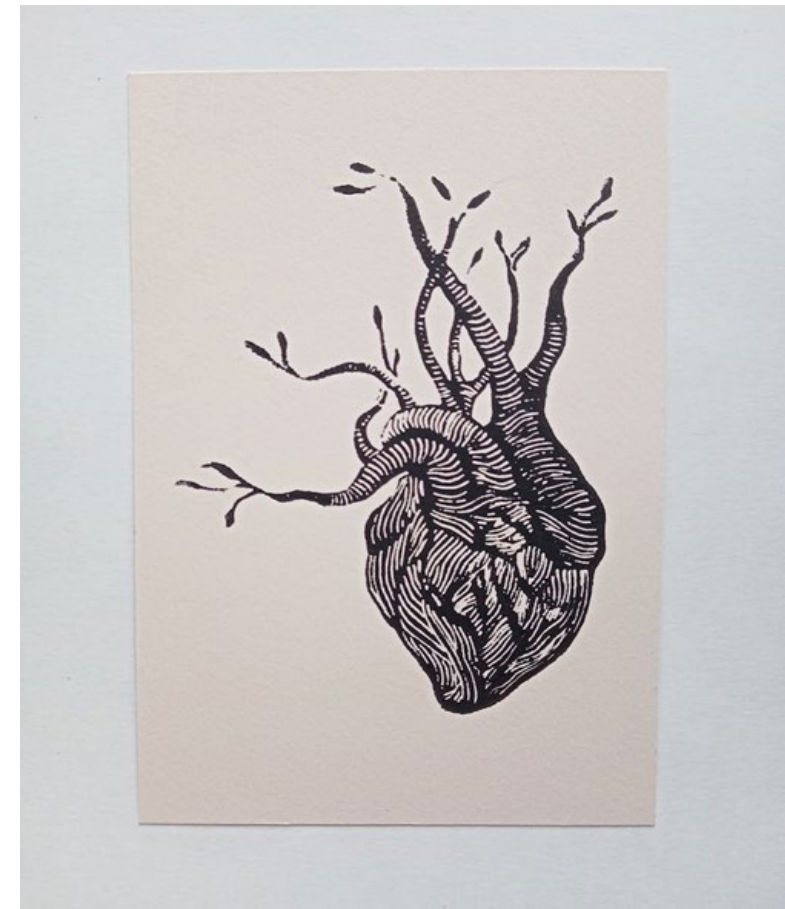


**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, June 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



artwork by Ewa Medrek

Reflection:

Power concedes nothing without a demand.

—Frederick Douglas

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Leonore Cruise

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *by James Schofield* Nancy Peterson

One: Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

All: **We live by faith in the love of God, embodied in Jesus.**

One: We live in hope, which does not disappoint, but brings love to life.

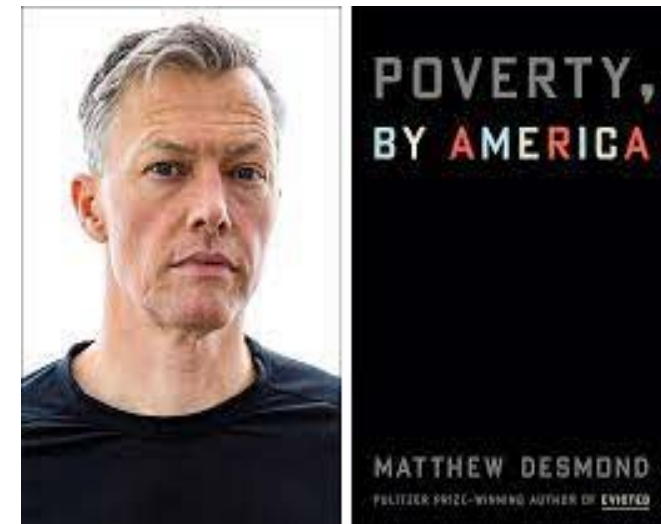
All: **We live in the power of the Spirit, transforming our lives and the whole of creation. Amen. So be it.**

SCHEDULING NOTES

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson is presiding at her sister's Memorial and will return Tuesday, June 27.

The Centering Prayer Service on June 26 is canceled, but the Chapel will be open for any who want to use the space on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Reverend Bev Blaisdell will be preaching on July 2.
Reverend Barry Cammer will be preaching on July 9.



O.C.C will be presenting a Second Hour reading group of *Poverty, by America* by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Matthew Desmond. We recommend that you begin reading now so that you can join the conversation when we meet. Date to be announced.

**Stand as you are able*



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

*****update: Meg has found a person but is looking for one more!
Please help her get the word out.**

HYMN* **RH** 608

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

Thomas E. Herbranson

COMMUNITY PRAYER *from a prayer by Aisha S. Taylor* Nancy Peterson

**Holy One, we come to You in trust.
In Ruah, your Holy Spirit, In Sophia, your divine wisdom
In love, your universal language.
Help us love unconditionally – each other in our times of
need,
And those we consider our enemies.
You long to reconcile us.
Breathe into us new life,
Lift us out of depths of mourning,
Calm the tumultuous sea of our thoughts and feelings
Quench our thirst and hunger for justice,
Nourish us with your life-giving spirit,
Intensify our passion to take steps toward Your Whole and
Holy Community. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Leonore Cruise

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

**Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nancy Peterson

Matthew 10:26-30 & 34-39

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Phillip Bernard

Leslie Dickson

Janet Rosefield

John Skidgel



**The next Church Council Meeting is
Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion with

NINA SCHUYLER

Author of

AFTERWORD

with Toni Mirosevich

July 9th at 4:00pm (pacific)



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

Romans 6:4-5 & 11

We were buried therefore with Jesus by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



My heart is moved by all I cannot save:
so much has been destroyed

I have to cast my lot with those
who age after age, perversely,

with no extraordinary power,
reconstitute the world.

—Adrienne Rich

SERMON *My Heart is Moved by All I Cannot Save* Reverend Birte Beuck

WE RESPOND

HYMN*

Be Not Afraid

Robert J. Dunford

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
You shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

**Stand as you are able*

HOPE SOLUTIONS BACKPACK DRIVE



OCC has a long tradition of helping supply backpacks and school supplies for children by working with Hope Solutions.

Hope Solutions is now running the backpack drive online, with 2 options. You can sign up for a specific age and purchase the items yourself and drop off at Hope Solutions, or send a donation online. Please check your eblasts for the link to sign up and/or give.

Alternatively, you can always donate by sending a check to Hope Solutions, 399 Taylor Boulevard, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523



CSA

Fresh, organic fruit delivered every Tuesday to OCC!

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? You can ask Anna in the office, or go to their website www.froghollow.com or email them at csa@froghollow.com**



The Good Table, in El Sobrante, is a sister U.C.C. church doing wonderful things! They are making a new church that will share property with a Planting Justice nursery, a business that trains and employs formerly incarcerated people.

**There is a community work day the
last Saturday of every month 12-3pm
5166 Sobrante Ave, El Sobrante 94803**

Here's an invitation from The Good Table:

Wear sturdy shoes, clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and bring work gloves, gardening tools if you have them, and a mask to help us tend our beautiful planting beds and continue to clean up our construction site. Or just stop by for a tour! We've made lots of progress towards opening our pay-what-you-can and pay-it-forward community cafe, food and craft marketplace, organic tree and plant nursery and gathering space for the arts, education, music, and spiritual community. Help get the site closer to Opening Day-ready!

HYMN* (*Be Not Afraid* continued)

Blessed are your poor,
For the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn.
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Leonore Cruise

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*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEEKLY EVENTS

**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!**

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 29, 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 June 27.
 - ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the Reading Group meets via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 29, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.

HYMN* RH 115

How Like a Gentle Spirit

Alfred Morton Smith

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Birte Beuck

POSTLUDE

David Milnes