

Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, October 01, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



*Late 15<sup>th</sup> C. European Tapestry*

**Reflection:**

Destiny itself is like a wonderful wide tapestry in which every thread is guided by an unspeakably tender hand, placed beside another thread, and held and carried by a hundred others.

– Rainer Maria Rilke

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Jeane Samuelsen

**One:** For the word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**All:** **We look upon this endless tapestry of divine history and are wrapped in its bright threads.**

**One:** No living being is lost in this great weaving, but all are vital to the eyes of the one who makes the design.

**All:** **We have been part of the story since before our births. God, you knit us together in our mothers' wombs.**

**One:** We praise you, for we are part of a story that is fearfully and wonderfully made.

**All:** **Let your Word come to live within us, and your holy scripture, so intricately woven, show us that you are still speaking.**



### COVID Advisory Group: Update

As an acknowledgement to the uptick in regional COVID cases, the COVID Advisory Group met this week. After some reflection and conversation, we decided that we simply want to reaffirm the health and safety suggestions we had previously adopted:

1. We believe that masks are a good way to protect wearers and help stop the spread of the disease. You are welcome to wear a mask to church, and we will make sure that masks and hand sanitizer are available in the narthex.
2. Our sanctuary is spacious! Feel free to spread out and practice social distancing.
3. New COVID boosters will soon be available, and we feel that boosters for COVID and other diseases like RSV, flu, and pneumonia offer good protection.

In addition, we use a fan each Sunday that filters the air in the sanctuary every twenty minutes. We will be purchasing air purifiers for the narthex and keeping the narthex doors open as long as the weather permits.

We thank you for the collaborative spirit of O.C.C. as we walk through a period of many unknowns. Thanks to your care for yourselves and each other, COVID has had a limited impact on our church population.

We hope to stay healthy and happy together!



Elementary aged kids are welcome to join us in the Agape Center each week for some learning and fun. Kids start in the Sanctuary for Sunday service and then are excused part way through, to go to Sunday School.

Thank you to the many people who have already signed up to teach! We are also looking for additional volunteers to help with the kids (one main teacher and one helper adult each week). Simple online training and live scan fingerprinting are required.

If you would like to help at Sunday School, please contact Anna in the office who can help you take the 2 easy steps to get cleared to volunteer.

For any questions about Sunday School itself,  
please contact Amy Parlett at [saparlett@comcast.net](mailto:saparlett@comcast.net)

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**Today's Coffee Hour is brought to you by  
Karl & Leslie Schonborn**

**The ushers have the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet.  
We are looking for October volunteers!**



**If you're able to take on this greatly appreciated service for  
one Sunday, please sign up today!**

HYMN\* BH 464

*The Weaver's Shuttle Swiftly Flies*

James Gertmenian

COMMUNITY PRAYER *from a prayer by Julie Henkener* Jeane Samuelson

**God of Life-gathering Tenderness, we offer to You the separate strands of our lives. On Your loom of creation, weave each frayed and knotted thread into a fabric of continuity. With Your patient hand and through Your endless shuttle back and forth of effort, stitch your pattern of completeness, of dying and rising, into the fabric of our spirits. For all that is yet to be woven on Your loom, we pray thankfully to you, our God. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*\*Stand as you are able*

## WE LISTEN

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeane Samuelsen

*Isaiah 55:11*

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*2 Peter 1:19–21*

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of a human, but people who have spoken from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 4:4*

It is written, "Humans shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

### SERMON

*Scripture*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson



Thank you to this week's ushers:  
**Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten, Anna MacLean,  
and Joyce Crawford**



*Online Auction beginning Tuesday, October 31, 2023*

*Pick-up and In-Person Auction Sunday, November 5, 2023*

Want more information?

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## QUILTS ON VIEW at church on OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>



The Sewing Circle will offer sponsorships and sales of quilts and other Artisan pieces.

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### Electric Vehicle Celebration Show October 15

The Orinda Community Church first ever **Electric Vehicle Show!** 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](mailto:nlthursby@comcast.net)

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\* BH 522

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Katherine Hankey

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.**

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP

*\*Stand as you are able*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN\* BH 530

*God Our Author and Creator*

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

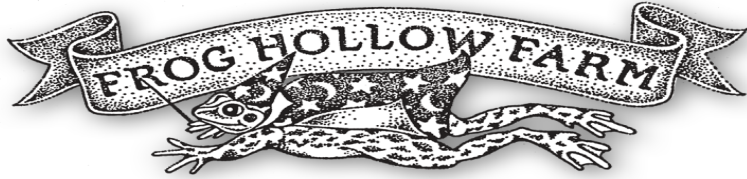
Nik Nackley

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## Upcoming Events!

Please join us for these upcoming activities at the church:

- ❖ **October 8**, at services, the **Sewing Circle** will be displaying quilts and other artisan pieces for sponsorship and sales.
- ❖ **October 15**, after church: **Electric Vehicle Show**. We will have a casual walkaround so that those who have electric cars and bikes can share them and talk about the benefits of non-polluting transport. If you have any kind of electric vehicle you would like to show off during this event please sign up with Nancy Thursby: [nlthursby@comcast.net](mailto:nlthursby@comcast.net)
- ❖ **October 22**, after services at 11:30 a.m., Second Hour: **Roger Samuelsen will lead a conversation about Common Hope**, an organization with which we have a long-time partnership. Each year, we bring together the funds to build a house, yes, a whole house! This Sunday will kick off our fundraising for this year's house.
- ❖ **October 31 – November 5: AUCTION!** -- Our online auction will kick off on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, culminating in our in-person auction, Sunday, November 5.



CSA

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

Every Tuesday, Frog Hollow drops off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes pick them up.

It's easy to sign up, go to [www.froghollow.com](http://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](http://www.froghollow.com) or email them at [csa@froghollow.com](mailto:csa@froghollow.com)**

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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

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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, the bible, and other topics. The next meeting is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the **Reading Group** meets via Zoom. The room opens 15 minutes early for welcome and chatting. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Alta Mesa Center for the Arts



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.

## Next at AMCA

October 8th at 4:00pm

### A Dialogue Between the Visual and the Poetic

with

Heidi Van Horn, Jennifer S Cheng, Maud Tanswai, and Sarah Rosenthal

To sign up for this event, please check your eblasts, or go to our website, [orindacommunitychurch.org](http://orindacommunitychurch.org), then go to “ARTS” and then choose “Alta Mesa Center for the Arts” which will take you to a page with a link to register.

