

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



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Reflection:

Saints cannot exist without a community, as they require, like all of us, nurturance by a people who, while often unfaithful, preserve the habits necessary to learn the story of God. — Stanley Hauerwas

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

The Chancel Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP* *adapted from the Kaddish* Kurt Sunderbruch

One: Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which was created according to the Divine will.

All: **May the Holy One establish the beloved community during our days.**

One: May the Holy Presence be blessed forever to all eternity.

All: **Blessed indeed, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.**

One: May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all creation; and say, Amen.

All: **We regard in faith the One who creates peace. And so may God create peace for us and for all; and say, Amen.**

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:
Juliet Patterson,
author of *Sinkhole: A Legacy of Suicide*
and
Tobey Hiller
author of *Crow Mind*
November 12th at 4:00pm

REGISTER HERE FOR THIS FREE, ONLINE EVENT :

<https://forms.gle/DHap4Dsbgc2zHgSk8>



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

**Stand as you are able*



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 always 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

HYMN* BH 299

For All the Saints

William W. How

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by St. Augustine

Kurt Sunderbruch

**Look upon us, O Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
vanish before the beams of thy brightness.
Fill us with holy love,
and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom.
All our desire is known unto thee,
therefore perfect what thou hast begun,
and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.
We seek thy face,
turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory.
Then shall our longing be satisfied,
and our peace shall be perfect.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

**Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kurt Sunderbruch

John 12:24

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Isaiah 43:19

Look: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

SERMON

From the Old Story into a New Story

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

AUCTION!



Online Auction beginning Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

Want more information?
Contact Gail Mead
Mobile (510) 414-6222
grmead@comcast.net

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ELECTRIC VEHICLE SHOW SUCCESS!

A big thank you to all who participated in and to those who attended the Mercy & Justice Electric Vehicle Show last week. There were all-electric cars of various makes and models, an electric bike, and an electric cart. Our congregation is moving away from fossil fuel pollution to electric vehicles!

In our last eblast, Mercy & Justice asked members and friends to support the Climate Center's program to urge Governor Newsom to sign SB 253, SB 261, and AB 1167 into law. As soon as the announcement went out, word came that Governor Newsom signed all three bills. SB 253 and SB 261 are about corporate accountability for the climate and AB 1167 will require the owners of orphaned and idle wells to properly close them to protect neighboring communities and the climate.

Soon after, we received word that Interfaith Power and Light is promoting two other opportunities for advocacy. The first urged us to contact The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), which "has the opportunity to propose new federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for vehicles sold in 2027 and beyond. Since they were established by Congress in 1975, these fuel economy standards have saved more than two trillion gallons of gasoline. Even as we move to electric vehicles, millions more gasoline powered vehicles will be sold in the coming decade. These gasoline vehicles must be as efficient as possible."

Go to www.interfaithpowerandlight.org to contact the NHTSA. Click on "Take Action:"

Check your eblasts for other Mercy and Justice Announcements and to find out how to sign a letter to President Biden before he attends the Climate Conference in November and other ways you can be part of the solution!

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 490 *I Want Jesus to Go with Me* African American Spiritual

A TIME OF PRAYER & REMEMBRANCE

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

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OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY RH 94

**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 476

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

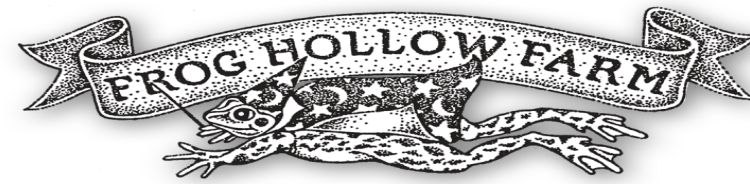
Robert Lowry

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

David Milnes



CSA

Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture

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

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 around 10 am, 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 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

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The Office will be closed Thursday, November 2nd.



**Elizabeth will be on vacation
from November 6 through November 19.**

**Kurt Sunderbruch has graciously agreed
to preach on the Nov. 12 and Nov. 19.**

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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

David Milnes, Director of Music

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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, November 2.

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 31.
- ✚ 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, November 2.

Today's Coffee Hour is brought to you by

Bev Blaisdell & Gail Mead

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



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



Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Joyce Crawford, Lin Lyons, Nancy Petersen,
Karl Schonborn, and Katrina Staten**

STEWARDSHIP TIME

You may have received your pledge card in the mail.

**In case you have not received yours yet, you will find an
extra pledge card in this Order of Worship
and in the pews.**

Because of YOU our church changes lives.

Send in your pledge card now!