

**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Holden Sunday**



*found in San Nicola (Rome) dated 1120-1130*

**Reflection:**

I wish every American Christian knew and understood Amos. It would radically change American Christianity.

--- Marcus Borg

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Kurt Sunderbruch

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Lani Shepp

**One:** We call out to you, oh Lord.

**All:** Show us the path to your justice.

**One:** We need your guidance in our lives, oh Lord.

**All:** Help us live in your righteousness.

**One:** We forget your ways, and try to replace them with our own.

**All:** Shower us with your love so that we may share that love with all your children. Amen.

# TODAY

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](mailto: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](mailto:saparlett@comcast.net)

HYMN\* BH 588

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

Jane Parker Huber

COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Sir Francis Drake*

Lani Shepp

**Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.**

**Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of  
eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our  
vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.**

**Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas  
Where losing sight of land we shall find stars.  
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;  
And to push back the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.**

**This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ! Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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## WE LISTEN

### ANTHEM

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Amos 5:18-24*

Lani Shepp

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light,

as if someone fled from a lion

and was met by a bear

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them,

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like water

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## CREATION JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENT



### FROM INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT:

At the end of November, Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) will be present as an observer organization at COP28, the UN global climate conference in Dubai, to ensure that world leaders hear the moral voice as they debate strategies and ambitions to effectively tackle the global challenge of climate change. Our witness is crucial, and we want to make sure that you're up to date on the issues, understand how you can participate, and have a chance to ask your questions.

There are multiple ways that you can participate with the faith community at COP28 from home. **You will find information in your eblasts along with the links TO TAKE ACTION!**

Together, we have the power to amplify the moral voice at COP28 and safeguard our Sacred Earth for future generations. Thank you for being part of the faith climate movements and standing with us in raising our voices on the global stage!

[www.interfaithpowerandlight.org](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org)

## Advent will be here before you know it!



### Save the dates!

**Advent Workshop - Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm.**

**Advent Wednesday night special events all at 7 pm:**

**December 6: A joint service of Taize Music with The Good Table**

**December 13: Annual reading of *The Velveteen Rabbit***

**December 20: Solstice service and labyrinth walk**

### SPEAKERS FROM HOLDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Abby Tuttle (co-director)

Nora Lee Nash (student)

Pamela Connie (parent)

Rachel Shaw (parent)

SERMON

*What is God's Priority?*

Kurt Sunderbruch

### WE RESPOND

HYMN\* BH 590

*Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor*

Brian Wren

A TIME OF PRAYER

Kurt Sunderbruch

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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

Kurt Sunderbruch

**Local Boy Scouts of America Troop 402G is the biggest  
all-girl Scout troop in the nation!**

STEWARDSHIP

**They will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year,  
right here at Orinda Community Church  
after Sunday services on  
November 19, November 26, and December 3.**

OFFERTORY SOLO

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**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!**



**Troop 402G**



**Pastor Elizabeth Robinson is on vacation  
through November 19.**

HYMN\* BH 616

*I Want to Be Ready*

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION\*

Kurt Sunderbruch

POSTLUDE

David Milnes

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## STEWARDSHIP TIME



You may have received your pledge card in the mail.

In case you have not received yours yet,  
you will find extra pledge cards in the pews.

Because of **YOU** our church changes lives.

Please send in your pledge card now!

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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 30.

**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, November 28.
- ✚ 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 30.

**Today's Coffee Hour is brought to you by**

**Karen Norris & Sepi Kiazal**

**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:**

**Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp,  
Marilyn Welland & Betty Wu**