

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



Antoon Claeissens

Reflection:

Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you, God, for everything. Amen.

A Child's Grace

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Kurt Sunderbruch

INTROIT *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* The Chancel Ringers
(Robin Holmes, Kathi Kling, Gail Mead, & Nancy Thursby)

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Chris Mead

One: Life delivers us times of great joy, and times of great sadness.

All: **Come to us, Lord, in our time of need.**

One: The sadness can overwhelm us, and we feel abandoned.

All: **Comfort us, Lord, in our time of need.**

One: At times of war, disease, famine, and death, the world is full of grief.

All: **Help us, Lord, to bring your love and consolation to all who grieve. Make us your vessels. Amen.**

**Stand as you are able*



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

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



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.

For any questions about Sunday School or if you want to volunteer, please contact Amy Parlett at saparlett@comcast.net



THANKSGIVING WEEK CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY 9 AM – 2 PM
TUESDAY 9 AM – 2 PM
WEDNESDAY CLOSED
THURSDAY CLOSED
FRIDAY CLOSED

HYMN* BH 483

Out of the Depths I Call

Samuel Howard

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Chris Mead

Holy one, your creation is the source of all things good and beautiful. It is the expression of your joy and love, and for this we are deeply grateful. Yet, this magnificent creation also includes loss, setbacks, disasters, and evil that are the source of pain, grief, and alienation. We pray that you witness our pain and respond to our pleas. We pray that you relieve our suffering and comfort us in our grief. We pray that you restore us to relationship with your love. We pray that you help us bring your love to one another at the time of trial, for we know that you bear all the sorrows of the world, and you call us to help bear the sorrows of all of our brothers and sisters. Grant us the strength, love, and wisdom to do your work.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Leonore Cruise

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN

SOLO

**Stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Chris Mead

Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my
groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

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

Advent will be here before you know it!



Save the dates!

Advent Workshop - Sunday, December 3rd 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS *(continued)*

Romans 8:28

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Matthew 28:20

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

SERMON

Everything?

Kurt Sunderbruch

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 99

Abide With Me

Henry F. Lyte

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Kurt Sunderbruch

PASTORAL PRAYER
& POETRY READING

Reverend Leonore Cruise

**Stand as you are able*

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 TODAY,
and on November 26 & 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 402

The Case of the Missing Tablecloths. . .



HYMN* BH 438

When Peace, Like a River

Horatio P. Spafford

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Leonore Cruise

POSTLUDE

Nik Nackley

About half of our blue tablecloths are missing from Fellowship Hall, and they have been gone for a few months.

If you took them home to wash them, thank you, but please don't forget to return them!

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

Anne Barr & 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!

We currently need volunteers for November 26 and most of December. Sign up today!



Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Mike Kersten, Jeane Samuelsen,
Roger Samuelsen, Karen Sanford
& Joan Upshaw**