



# Orinda Community Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ  
Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 17, 2022, 10 am**



*Image by Georgia O'Keefe*

**Reflection:** *Jesus is the light of the world, the bread of life, the gate, the Good Shepherd, the way, the truth, and the life, the true vine, I AM who I am, and Jesus is - still, now, always - the resurrection and the life. And on the days when I believe this, it changes everything. On the days when I believe this, I'm not afraid and I know we will all be free... On the days when I believe this, I believe death is a dawn and never the last word... On the days when I believe this, I believe that ongoing hope of resurrection changes how we engage in our lives as they stand right now as we love and know and walk with God who brings life out of death, order out of chaos, healing out of sickness, wholeness out of brokenness.*

*On the days I believe this, I know God is not finished with this Story yet.*  
—Sarah Bessey

\* *Stand as you are able*

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* from Handel's *Messiah*, 1741

Jesslyn Thomas, soloist

WELCOME Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *from Psalm 118* Judy McCall

**One:** God is our strength and our song.  
Glad songs of salvation arise from our open doors!

**All:** **We shall not die, but we shall live,  
and tell the story of God in God's loving actions.**

**One:** We give thanks! We give thanks that you have shown  
us the way of Jesus and have brought us new life.  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

**All:** **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**One:** God has made this light to shine upon us.  
You are our God, and we will give thanks to you,  
on this Easter day when we witness that Christ is risen!

**All:** **Oh, give thanks, for Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN\* BH 233 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Lyra Davidica, 1708

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**Risen God, draw us to you.  
Let your Beloved Community come through us to the world.  
We will live as your witnesses until you come again.  
Carry forward the work of human healing  
and let the whole world feel and see,  
that things, which were cast down are being raised up,  
that things which had grown old, are being made new  
and all things are returning to perfection,  
through Jesus, who is our source, our guide, our new life.  
Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

**WE LISTEN**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Judy McCall

*John 20:1-17*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ”

*1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 40-45, 49-51*

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as God has chosen to do, and to each kind of seed its own body... There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit... Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. I tell you this, beloved: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

SERMON

*We Shall All Be Changed*

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson

## **WE RESPOND**

HYMN\* BH 238

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

French Noel, 15th century

\* *Stand as you are able*

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

OFFERTORY

*O Happy Day*

Edwin Hawkins 1969

Julia Hathaway, soloist

DOXOLOGY\* **RH 94**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen, 1623

**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 240

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Llanfair, 1817

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

*Christ Was Saved from the Bonds of Death*

J. Walther, 1527  
arr. J.S. Bach

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## **Orinda Community Church**

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### **Upcoming Events**

Each week, in addition to our 10 a.m. Sunday worship, the church offers regular programming.

- ❖ Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, we host **Centering Prayer**. Don't know what that is? We'd be glad to tell you more about it!
- ❖ Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., we hold a brief **Contemplative Service** in the chapel. It includes readings, music, prayer time, and silence. This service also goes out electronically.
- ❖ Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., our **Theology and Scripture** group meets via Zoom to discuss theology and the bible, and other topics. Our next meeting is Thursday, 4/21/22, at 2:00 pm.
- ❖ We also have a **choir and a bell ensemble** to which you are warmly invited! If interested, email us at office@orindachurch.org

Every other week:

- ❖ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers' Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. (Their work is featured in the narthex; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, 4/19/22 at 10 am.
- ❖ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45, the **Reading Group** is doing a close study of the novels of Marilynne Robinson, starting with Gilead. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, April 21, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

**Zoom links are posted in our eblasts and on our website:**

**[www.orindachurch.org](http://www.orindachurch.org)**

# Easter Flowers

## Given in Memory of:

**Dorothy McIntire**

by Joyce Crawford

**James and Andréé Hull**

**Fred and Anne Elkinton**

**Robert Elkinton**

by Joy Elkinton-Walker

**Jim Frane**

by Tré Frane

**Monica Kasai and Julie Kim**

**Dr. Marion and Albert Andersen**

by In Suk Kim-Andersen

**Myron Matteson**

**Katherine Matteson**

**Dekkers Davidson**

by Fred Matteson

**Rodney and Patricia Milnes**

by David Milnes

**Del and Mary Crummey**

by Martha Parriott

**Jamie Samuelson**

by Jeane and Roger Samuelson

**The Reverend Irvin G. Thursby and**

**Mrs. Louise H. Thursby**

**Mr. Samuel C. Lapidge, Jr. and**

**Mrs. Margaret S. Lapidge**

by John and Nancy Thursby

**Allan and Margaret Walker**

**Scott Walker**

**Stephen and Susan Walker**

by Carl Walker

**John R. Welland**

**Marguerite and Fred Sicotte**

**Mary and John S. Welland**

by Marilyn Welland

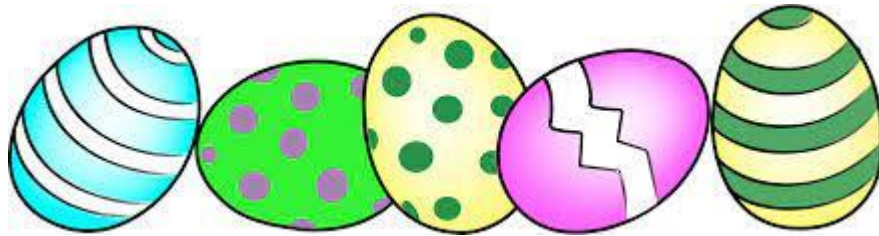
## Given in Honor of:

**Congregation of Orinda Community  
Church**

by Amy Parlett



**TODAY EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER 10 AM SERVICE - EASTER SUNDAY**



**Hop on over to an Easter Egg Hunt right after church!**

**Kids up to 1st grade will hunt on the grassy areas  
and older kids will hunt up in the Olive Grove.**

**This is a family affair, so parents, please stay with your children as they hunt.  
If you forgot your basket, no worries! We have backups!**

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Those wishing to support Ukrainians may want to donate through the  
United Church of Christ. We have confidence that funds directed this way  
will reach people in need.



**<https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal>**

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to this week's ushers:

Michael Kersten, Jan Rosefield, Jeane & Roger Samuelsen, John Thursby and Joan Upshaw





### **Lifelong Learning Comes ALIVE!**

As a result of the pandemic and other causes, the Life-Long Learning program for Orinda Community Church has been on hiatus. It's now time to revitalize this program so that we can continue to be a congregation that is committed to life-long learning, our own faith formation, and to be a beacon in our community for thoughtfulness, learning, self-expansion, and information.

On **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:15 am** (right after worship service), we will hold a 30-minute meeting in Fellowship Hall to re-form our Life-Long Learning program.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IF:

- You have previously participated in any “LLL” program at OCC
- Or if you'd like to participate in any future program,
- Or if you have any ideas/suggestions for future events and programs,
- Or if you'd just like to come and see what we're up to.