

Orinda Community Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
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Order of Worship
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Reflection: A map does not just chart, it unlocks and formulates meaning; it forms bridges between here and there, between disparate ideas that we did not know were previously connected.” — Reif Larsen

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Lee Cruise

One: Holy Mystery, you call and we follow.

All: **Faith is discovery. Sometimes in faith, we feel lost.**

One: We try to map you and your creation.

All: **We try to understand and control what is beyond our imagination.**

One: But you call us home in faith, to the great abundance of your presence.

All: **In you, we are all discoverers, pilgrims finding you and sharing your love.**

HYMN BH 31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak, 1915

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
our Dear God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one

COMMUNITY PRAYER

author unknown, from a 16th century prayer

Reverend Lee Cruise

**Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have 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. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Leslie O'Brien

SOLO

Priex Pour Paix (Pray for Peace)

Francis Poulenc, 1939

Pray for peace, sweet Virgin Mary,
Queen of Heaven and mistress of the world.
In your courtesy, have
the saints pray too,
and address your Son,
begging His Highness to deign to look on His people,
whom He redeemed with His blood,
and to banish war which destroys all.
Do not weary of our prayers.
Pray for peace, pray for peace,
the true treasure of joy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 19: 1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Psalm 84:5

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

SERMON

Terrain Without a Map

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OFFERTORY INVITATION

SOLO

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix, 1838

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.**

HYMN BH 59

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Nettleton, 1813

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising
Those on earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit,
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living
As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming
In the Church the mind of Christ;

You we praise with endless worship
For Your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strengthening, and absolving,
Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul,
In communion never ending,
You we worship and extol.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What a Wonderful World

George Weiss, 1967

