



Orinda Community Church

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 10 am
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reflection: *Jesus (c. 4 BC – c. AD 30/33) also referred to as **Jesus of Nazareth** and **Jesus Christ**, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the central figure of Christianity. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (Christ) prophesied in the Old Testament.*

Jesus - Wikipedia

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

INTROIT

WELCOME

Reverend Barry Cammer

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Craig Taatjes

One: In a world where armies are gathered and violence becomes
an every minute occurrence,

Many: We look for signs of peace, signs of hope, signs of meaning.

One: How can we possibly be comfortable?

* *Stand as you are able*

Many: How can we be comfortable when so many are in need of comfort?

One: But we've come to worship. We need peace and quiet here.
We need order HERE!

Many: We're confused. We don't really know what to feel.

One: We feel pulled from so many directions that we are immobilized.

**All: Come Holy Spirit. We are hungry for your presence.
We are hungry for your wisdom.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN* BH 46

Hope of the World

The New Century Hymnal, 1992

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Craig Taatjes

Holy Mother, your children are in conflict and we don't know what to do. We don't know how to feel. We humans can't seem to journey far before we are in conflict with one another. We treasure what does not belong to us. We treasure possessions that bring us nothing, we can't seem to agree on anything. How is it that you can still love us? Send us someone who can lead us, someone who can guide us through the thickets of our lives together. Send us someone who can help us make sense of our common world, someone who can remind us that you have planted a seed of love within each of us. Hear our lament, for others and for ourselves. Hear our lament for creation, your gift to us, your gift in us.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

* *Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Craig Taatjes

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SERMON

On Being A Shy Christian
Reclaiming Jesus, Part I

Reverend Barry Cammer

WE RESPOND

HYMN BH 418

My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff

Fellowship Hymn Book, 1910

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

* *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

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY **RH** 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 102

O How Shall I Receive You

Melchior Teschner, 1615

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Barry Cammer

* *Stand as you are able*

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Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, under the leadership of Mary Volmer, is an interfaith arts and spirituality hub, housed within and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

Inviting the Muses: A Writing Workshop

Join Dawn Angelicca Barcelona, Lillian Howan, and Maw Shein Win as they share the ways that muses can inspire, energize, and deepen your writing practice.

Saturday, April 2nd, 1:00-3:00pm (pst)

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/277942071217>



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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: altamesacenter@gmail.com

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

An afternoon reading and discussion with poets

Nate Klug and Katie Peterson.

Join us on Zoom at 4:00pm (pacific) on April 10, 2022

Register here: <https://forms.gle/M2M3RC3igu7opk/z5>



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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, 3/17/22, 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, 3/22/22 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, March 24, 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.orindacommunitychurch.org

Ushers & Greeters



**A BIG THANK YOU to our ushers this week:
John Skidgel, Leslie Dickson and Nancy Peterson**



SOCK AND BELT DRIVE



We are doing a sock and belt drive for the Trinity Center in Walnut Creek. Help homeless people keep their feet healthy and clean with your donations of new socks. Belts of all sizes (gently used is okay) are also needed. Place your donations in the big paper sock in the narthex. Thank you!



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>

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

You are invited to a memorial service for Dick Long on
Saturday, March 26th at 2:00 p.m.



You are invited to a memorial service for Bill Simpson on
Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m.



ORDER FORM--2022 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers

Your name _____

Name of memorial **or** honoree (**please circle one**) _____

Number of Easter Lilies (double stalks) \$18.00 each _____

Number of Azaleas \$23.00 each _____

White Basket for flowers (optional) \$10.00 each _____

Check for \$_____ enclosed

Flowers can be picked up following Easter service on April 17th. Please return form to church office or put in offering plate by April 10th.