



# Orinda Community Church

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, May 29, 2022, 10 am



**Reflection:** *Love is the reason, so we must listen to love before we reason.*  
— Wald Wassermann

*If one person changes in a relationship, the dynamics shift.  
So even if you're the only person who's willing to make some  
changes—for now—that's enough. — Crismarie Campbell*

\* *Stand as you are able*

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Greg McCall, double bass soloist

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Revelation 22*

Kathleen Wiegand

**One:** Look, before us is the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from God and the Lamb through our midst; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life yielding its fruit each month.

**All:** **The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed.**

**One:** And night will be no more. We will need no light of lamp or sun, for God will be our light forever and ever.

**All:** And behold, God arrives among us. Blessed are those who live out the love of God.

**One:** Blessed are those who bathe their spirits, so that they may have the right to the tree of life.

**All:** **The Spirit says, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come. Let all who desire take the water of life.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

Reverend Barry Cammer

HYMN\* **RED** 549 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (vss.1-4)

St. Peter

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COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Ambrose of Milan, c. 339-397*

Kathleen Wiegand

**O God, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and draw near to you,  
a heart to delight in you,  
to follow and to enjoy you,  
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE

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

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

**WE LISTEN**

SOLO

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16: 9-10, 16-34

Kathleen Wiegand

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

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But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

SERMON

*We Are All Here*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\* BH 379

*Come, We Who Love God's Name*

St. Thomas

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Barry Cammer

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.**

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MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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 393

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Dennis

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

Greg McCall

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Orinda Community Church is participating in a new endeavor! 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.

June 12th, at 4:00 pm (pacific)

An afternoon with poets  
Tiff Dressen and Rachel Moritz  
in celebration of Pride Month

Register for this free online event [www.orindacommunitychurch.org](http://www.orindacommunitychurch.org)

(Flyer on next page)

# The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

An afternoon with **Tiff Dressen** and **Rachel Mortiz**  
and **celebration of Pride Month**

Join us on Zoom, June 12th at 4:00pm (pacific).

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/KvJ2TcX-Tn4wW3Y57A>



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Questions? Contact Mary Volmer: [altamesacenter@gmail.com](mailto:altamesacenter@gmail.com)

## Weekly 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**.
- 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 at 12 noon. You are welcome to simply attend, or if you have questions, please call the office or email Reverend Barry Cammer at: [barry@healthypathcounseling.org](mailto:barry@healthypathcounseling.org)
- 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, June 2, at 2:00 pm.

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, May 31, 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, June 2, 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](http://www.orindacommunitychurch.org)**





Thank you to this week's ushers:

Tré Frane  
Leslie Schonborn  
Karl Schonborn  
Les Simmonds



There will be no Centering Prayer on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The office will also be closed.

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>

