

Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 5, 2022, 10 am
Pentecost Sunday
Youth Sunday



Reflection: Our task is to announce in deed and word that the exile is over, to enact the symbols that speak of healing and forgiveness, to embody in God's world the power of the Spirit. Luther's definition of sin was *homo incurvatus in se*, "humans turned in on themselves." ... Your task is to find the symbolic ways of doing things differently, planting flags in hostile soil, setting up signposts that say there is a different way to be human. And when people are puzzled at what you are doing, find ways - fresh ways - of telling the story of the return of the human race from its exile, and use those stories as your explanation.

—N.T. Wright

* *Stand as you are able*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 104

Mimi McCall

One: Bless God, O my soul! You cover creation with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a glittering tent.

All: **God, you deliver the Spirit and make us messengers like winds, we are your ministers, flames of your fire.**

One: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night. When the sun rises, we arise in your glory and begin our day.

All: **In your wisdom and delight, you have made all living things, both small and great.**

One: When you give us life, we gather it up; when you open your hand, we are filled with good things. When you send forth your Spirit, we are brought to life, and you renew the face of creation.

All: **We will sing to you as long as we live. We will sing praise to you while we have being. May our meditation be pleasing to you, for we rejoice in you, Holy One.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

Reverend Barry Cammer

* *Stand as you are able*

CHANT: (to be sung 4 times)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE CHANCEL HANDBELL CHOIR *Canon of Grace* Linda R. Lamb

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Romans 8* Mimi McCall

**Living God, you who open the world for us,
You have sent Spirit of life and it has set us free—for all who are led by the
Spirit of God are children of God. In your love, you don't oppress us with a
spirit of punishment so that we fall back into fear, but you have adopted us
as your own children, teaching us to call you, "Father!" or "Mother!" We
witness today with our spirit that we are children of God, and so we receive
the healing inheritance of your love and restoration. Amen.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN Leslie Darwin O'Brien & Karen Norris

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mimi McCall

John 14:16-17

And I will ask God, who will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because the world neither sees the Spirit nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, for it dwells with you and will be in you.

Acts 2:2-4, 6-8, 12-20

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?" And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "People of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.’”

SERMON

I Will Pour Out My Spirit

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

CHANT: (to be sung 4 times)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And 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

Leslie Darwin O'Brien

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Barry Cammer & Isaac Taatjes

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

OFFERTORY SOLO

Leslie Darwin O'Brien

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* *Stand as you are able*

CHANT: (to be sung 4 times)

In God I'll be ever thankful, in God I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, for God is near.
Lift up your voices, for God is near.

BENEDICTION*

Mimi McCall



Orinda Community Church celebrates graduates of all ages throughout our church family!

Mary Jo Durham celebrates her son, **Ross Durham**, who has just received his Doctorate of Ministry from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Mary Jo was able to make the trip to witness the event.

Bruce and Trudi Garland celebrate their granddaughter, **Lisa Garland**, who graduated from Campolindo High School on May 27. She will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall.

Anna Gregory's son, **Albert Gregory**, has graduated from San Francisco State University and will be entering UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism in the Fall.

We are also excited to celebrate this year's graduates from Holden High School:
Walter --- Jack --- Zayla --- Tony --- Corey --- Owen --- Wayne

Madison Jones is graduating from high school and has been accepted at the University of Washington!

Kathi Kling's grandson **Alec Salmis** has graduated from the University of Arizona in Phoenix. **Kylani Baldrige** is graduating from Dozier-Libbey Medical High School in Antioch. (Kylani is the half-sister of Kathi's granddaughter, Shea Anne King. They have the same father.)

Anne Long's grandson **Eli Long** is graduating from high school in Portland and will be attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

Beverly Loos' grandson **Nolan O'Brien** is graduating from Miramonte High School.

Gail and Chris Mead's nephew, and the last of Jim and Jane Mead's eight grandchildren, **Christopher Fox**, graduated from Utica College May 12, 2022. Their son, **Cooper Mead**, graduated last December from UC Davis.

Pippa, the granddaughter of Karen and Tom Norris is graduating from preschool!

Marty and Ron Pariott's grandson **Michael Spaulding** is graduating from the 8th grade.

Elizabeth Robinson's son, **Wilson Morris**, will graduate from the firefighter program of the Alameda County Fire Department on June 24th.

Two of Katrina Staten's grandchildren are graduating—**Emily Ruth Staten** from Bowdoin College (with a tri-major in honors political theory, economics, and documentary film) and **Rachel Xin Ya Burdick** from Burlingame High School (she will be going to Cal to major in environmental engineering.)

Caroline Jeane Samuelsen is graduating from Troy High School in Troy, MI. She will be attending Northwestern University, her Dad's Alma Mater.

Les and Liz Simmonds' granddaughter, **Annie Pollak**, will be graduating from U.C.L.A.

Abigail Elizabeth Urban, granddaughter of Nancy and John Thursby, is graduating from Maybeck High School on June 4th and will be attending Bryn Mawr College.



Congratulations to All!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

(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

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
- 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 9, 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, June 14, 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 16, 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**



Calling all Members!



How would you like to march in Orinda's July 4th Parade? If you would like to represent our wonderful church community, let Elizabeth know so OCC can sign up.

elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com

Children's Program Coming in August

We are so very grateful that Elisabeth Kersten has made a generous proposal to offer a 4-week children's program in August.

Do you have kids and youth who might like to participate?

We will need adults who can assist and participate, and that means each adult who participates *must* get fingerprinted and complete a short-mandated reporter training as per new state laws. Would you let Pastor Elizabeth know if you are willing to do that so she can help set you up with the process? elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com



Dixieland Next Sunday!

We are utterly delighted that on June 12th Pete Hartdegen will be bringing our worship to life with his Dixieland band! Julie Hathaway will be singing along. Come early, stay late, tap your toes. We can't wait!



Check your SPAM, Ma'am

We have discovered that many of the OCC office emails have been going into people's SPAM boxes for the past month. Please check your SPAM for any emails from the office (office@orindachurch.org). If you find one, please SELECT it, then mark it as "NOT SPAM". This should allow you receive future emails into your regular email inbox.

Ushers & Greeters



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS!

Bill Carpenter, Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten and Kathleen Wiegand