

Orinda Community Church

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

Order of Worship
Sunday, November 6, 2022, 10 am



Reflection:

Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet.
— Thich Nhat Hanh

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP* *adapted from George Herbert's poem "Gratefulness"* Nancy Thursby

One: Thou that has given so much to us.

All: **Give one thing more – a grateful heart.**

One: Not thankful when it pleaseth us –

All: **As if Thy blessing had spare days!**

One: But such hearts, whose pulse may be Thy praise.

All: **In thanks we say amen.**

HYMN* **RH** 102

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Crüger 1647

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Thursby

Giver of Life and Love, let this be a season of grace and gratitude. Prune us so that the sunlight better reaches into our tender leaves. Feed us so that we stretch, supple and warm, toward you. We ask your rain to soak deep into our souls. As the wind blows through the grove of this community, we shiver in song. Thank you. Thank you. May we be freed from doubt and error. May we harvest love and grace. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Stand as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-44

Nancy Thursby

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

SERMON

Gratitude as Confidence

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* RH 620

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

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. 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Bob Winbigler

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

**Stand as you are able*

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* RH 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Welsh Folk Tune

BENEDICTION*

**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.

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

A reading and discussion featuring

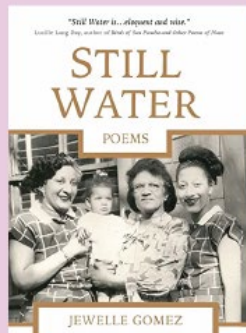
**poet, novelist, playwright
and cultural worker**

Jewelle Gomez

with Joan Steinau Lester

November 13, 2022 at 4:00pm (pacific)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/dtjDTbevg1BAZucx6>



Alta Mesa Center for the Arts, an interfaith arts hub, is housed and sponsored by Orinda Community Church.

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 or email the office.
- ✚ 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, November 10, 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 and Fellowship Hall; take a look!) Next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 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, November 17, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.



**PICK UP PARTY AND IN-PERSON AUCTION
TODAY!
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TODAY'S
SERVICE
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Ushers & Greeters



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Bill & Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten, and Kathleen Wiegand

COMING NOVEMBER 12:

A collage of five photographs showcasing ceramic and pottery work. The top-left photo shows two tall, patterned ceramic planters. The top-middle photo shows two small potted plants. The top-right photo shows five colorful mugs in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The bottom-left photo shows two dark-colored ceramic bowls. The bottom-right photo shows a collection of vases and mugs, including one with red flowers.

Making Stuff Ceramics - Karen Sanford
at The Bedford Gallery - Craft Fest
1601 Civic Dr. Walnut Creek November 12, 2022
10am-5pm

THROUGH NOVEMBER:

LOOKING OUT, LOOKING IN

Paintings by Nicole Reader



13 PAINTINGS OF CONTEMPLATIVE PEOPLE TURNING THEIR EYES ELSEWHERE

The figures here are focused on their own environment, whether internal or external, rather than acknowledging the gaze of the viewer. Some are perched on literal overlooks, dramatic landscapes opening up before them; others barely look off the edge of the canvas, their vision turned inward.

ORINDA LIBRARY ART GALLERY

26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

The show will be on exhibit throughout November 2022
nicolereader.com | lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits

