



Orinda Community Church

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, June 26, 2022, 10 am
Third Sunday After Pentecost**



Reflection:

Why indeed must 'God' be a noun? Why not a verb - the most active and dynamic of all.

The message is risk, really risk. Be yourself. Create.

It is the creative potential itself in human beings that is the image of God.

—Mary Daly

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Lush Life

Billy Strayhorn

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT AND RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Nancy Peterson

One: The presence of God welcomes the fullness of who we are. We are people who desire. Who long. Who practice love in many ways.

All: **Beloved One, your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you.**

One: We are people who want to know and be known—for who we've been, who we are, and who we are becoming.

All: **We honor identities in transition. We delight in authentic self-expression.**

One: We hope to embody your love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn.

All: **May we endeavor to learn from each other and grow together in love that protects and uplifts. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING

HYMN* BH 448

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

VIENNA 1797

**Stand as you are able*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Peterson

**Holy Mystery,
Your gifts of grace restore us.
Assured of our worth and renewed in hope,
send us in the power of your Spirit,
to proclaim the Good News that binds the brokenhearted,
frees the oppressed, and rids the world of evil's lies
that demean and destroy.
Make it so among us,
that all life may flourish as you intended.
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

WE LISTEN

SOLO

Sure On This Shining Night

James Agee/Samuel Barber

Jesslyn Thomas, soprano

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

**Stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE READING

Nancy Peterson

Mark 12:28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked Jesus, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

SERMON

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

Reverends Robinson & Cammer

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 449

Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson 1880

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.
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

**Stand as you are able*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

I Shall Not Live in Vain

Jake Heggie

Jesslyn Thomas, soloist

If I can stop one heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching
Or cool one pain
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again
I shall not live in vain

DOXOLOGY* BH 785

We Give You But Your Own

Cantica Laudis

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

HYMN* BH 490

I Want Jesus to Go with Me

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

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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.

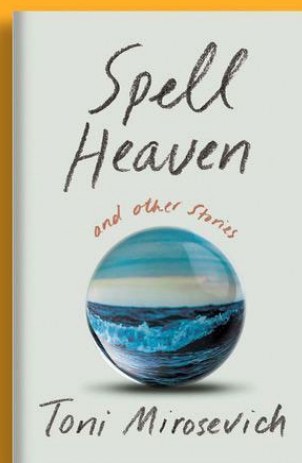
Next up at The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

A reading and conversation with

TONI MIROSEVICH

with Ploi Pirapokin

July 10th at 4:00pm (Pacific)



Register online at www.orindacommunitychurch.org, under Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

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 30, 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 28, 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 30, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

Ushers & Greeters



THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS THIS WEEK:

Leslie Dickson, Robin Holmes, and John Skidgel



Holden is looking for substitute teachers for the 2022-23 school year. Must be vaccinated and boosted for COVID, willing to get fingerprinted and TB screened and have some availability between 10am and 3:30pm weekdays September through May. Preferred qualifications: experience with teens and familiarity with Google Workspace. No CBEST required. Please email [hiring@holdenhigh.org](mailto: hiring@holdenhigh.org) if interested, and please share. Thank you!

Children's Program Coming in August 2022

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. We are starting to get some volunteers, but still need more help. Would you let Pastor Elisabeth know if you are willing to do that so she can help set you up with the process?

[elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com](mailto: elizabeth.orindachurch@gmail.com)


CHECK OUT KAREN SANFORD'S AMAZING ART WORK

Now through July 31:

MAINSTREETARTS

From Clay to Table

Pat Alger
Donna Arganbright
Mary Ellen Brownell
Kate Chenok
Nicole Collins
Kathleen Jensen
Olga Jusidman
Mary Leigh Miller
Karen Sanford



Main Street Arts Gallery
613 Main Street • Martinez • 925-269-8049
<<http://www.mainstreetarts.net>>

One more time ...

For the fourth year in a row, our gallery has the privilege to present the always successful ceramics show. This time we have the works of nine Bay Area artists showing their best strictly functional pieces ...

From Clay to Table

- **Opening Day**
Saturday, June 25
Join us for a reception from 4 to 7 pm to celebrate together ... life after COVID
- **Show Continues**
through Sunday, July 31
- **Gallery Hours:**
Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm

