

**ORDER FORM--2023 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers**



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Number of Azaleas \$23.00 *each* \_\_\_\_\_

Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Flowers can be picked up following Easter Service on April 9th.

Please return form to church office or put in offering plate by April 2nd.

**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, March 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



**Reflection:**

We open doors so that others can walk through them.

—Alexandria Ocasio Cortez

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR  
The Acolytes

WELCOME

INTROIT SOLO

CALL TO WORSHIP\*      *by Greta Thunberg*      Nancy Thursby

One: I am telling you there is hope.

**All: We believe that even one person can make a difference.**

One: Our message is to just keep going, because if you try hard enough and long enough, you will make a difference.

**All: We have a choice. We can create transformational action.**

One: We have seen hope, but it does not come from governments and corporations. It comes from people.

HYMN\* **RH** 145      *Morning Has Broken*      Carlton R. Young

*\*Stand as you are able*



Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Jeane & Roger Samuelsen, John Thursby, and Joan Upshaw**

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**OCC is hosting a **SEDER DINNER** during Holy Week  
Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**



We are blessed to have Sarah Elovich leading us through this Passover tradition.

We ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the food  
(*but **ALL** are welcome, so if funds are an issue, please just come!*)

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by March 31 to the office  
(925) 254-4906 or [office@orindachurch.org](mailto:office@orindachurch.org)



## Calling All Volunteers!

We will host Winter Nights from May 1 to 15 and we will need your help: Volunteer needs include: overnights, child care, tutors and dinners for 14 days. If you know of a group that would like to do a meal or help out please invite them! There will be two orientations and kitchen tours for all volunteers— on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 30 at 11:30 am after church—please plan to attend one of these.

Sign-ups will begin today March 19<sup>th</sup>, after church.

You can also volunteer at the office [office@orindachurch.org](mailto:office@orindachurch.org) or email Lani: [lshepp@icloud.com](mailto:lshepp@icloud.com)

COMMUNITY PRAYER *by Reverend M. Jade Kaiser* Nancy Thursby

**God, unwilling to stick to a single form for our comfortable comprehension.**

**Incapable of making Themselves so flat.**

**Their names are always changing.**

**They are a multitude of incarnations.**

**Our Deliverer from the status quo.**

**Our Liberator from ordinary logics of power.**

**Our Invitation to live into the abundance of possibilities within and around us.**

**What a blessing.**

**Precious glimpses.**

**Holy encounters.**

**Glorious invitations**

**to recognize the image of God—**

**the gifts of being and becoming so much more that what's placed upon us,**

**the possibilities for living without losing a part of ourselves,**

**the desire to know and be known,**

**vulnerable, truthfully, entirely –**

**alive in all of us. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

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## WE LISTEN

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Nancy Thursby

*John 13:20*

Truly, I say to you, anyone who receives whomever I send receives Me; and anyone who receives Me receives God who sent me.

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

Walk in a manner worth of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

SERMON

*A Radical Welcome*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\* **RH** 585

*This Little Light of Mine*

African American Spiritual

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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**WOMEN OF SPIRIT!**

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Please join us in person in Fellowship Hall at Orinda Community Church for a warm, nourishing gathering, or virtually (Zoom).

**Women of Spirit** is a group of inclusive, curious women seeking connection, shared learning and growth with other women of diverse faith traditions. We are not affiliated with any religious institution, and are open to ALL.

For more info, visit

<https://www.womenofspiritlamorinda.org>

or <https://www.facebook.com/womenofspiritlamorinda>

To join by ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8729705446?pwd=UnJpOCt1NVF4Sjc3Z0poUUVyYmVWZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 970 5446, Passcode: 190010





**Coming in April!**

**Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week April 14—23, 2023**

**Theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy**

**From the Interfaith Power and Light Guide:**

We have the “responsibility as people of faith and conscience to transition to energy sources that safeguard our common home and look at ways to respond to this challenge with just solutions for all.”

“We all want to live in a community of mutual respect, where everyone abides by the Golden Rule: treating others the way we want to be treated. We all want to have meaningful work that sustains our families and communities and to live in a clean and healthy environment.

We are already transitioning away from fossil fuels to a clean energy economy, and as people of faith and conscience we can ensure the transition is made with justice. We can have both a healthy economy and a clean environment, and the process for achieving this vision can be fair and not cost workers or community residents their health, environment, jobs, or economic assets. Working for a just transition is a faithful response to the call to care for our neighbor and the interconnected community of all life.”

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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!**

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HYMN\* RH 519

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* J. Rosamond Johnson

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE

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Reverend Elizabeth Robinson, Senior Pastor  
David Milnes, Director of Music  
Anna Gregory, Office Administrator

### WEEKLY EVENTS

In addition to 10 am Sunday worship, we offer these weekly:

- ❖ 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 from 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm. 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. The next meeting is Thursday, March 23, at 2:00 pm.

And these very 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, March 21, 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. We meet via Zoom. Next meeting is Thursday, March 23, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

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