

ORDER FORM--2023 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers



Your name _____

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

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, April 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday



Painting by Giotto

Reflection:

Getting lost was not a matter of geography so much as identity, a passionate desire, even an urgent need, to become no one and anyone, to shake off the shackles that remind you who you are, who others think you are.
—Rebecca Solnit

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

CHANCEL RINGERS *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Arr. by Jason W. Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP* Roger Samuelson

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

The people raise their palm branches

One: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Grant us this grace, Holy One.

One: Let us go forth in peace.

All: May we live your gospel, truly.

**Stand as you are able*



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten, Anna Maclean & Kathleen Wiegand



Despite homework, college prep, college tours, sports, extracurriculars, and just overall busy lives, our faithful Acolytes have served Orinda Community Church well!

This Winter, our Acolytes have been: Amarise Gonzalez, Prudence Hurley, Robert Hurley, Elvyre Kersten, Amelia McCall, Adam Parlett, Nicole Parlett, and Ava Skidgel.

Also, a big thank you to the parents of our Acolytes, and to Nancy Thursby, Kathleen Wiegand, Amy Parlett and Georgia Upshaw, who either participated or were on available to be on standby.

Special appreciation to Tré Frane and Leslie Dickson who helped run the program and huge thanks to Karen Norris for overseeing it all.



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 are happening now!
Check in with Lani or let the office know you are interested by email office@orindachurch.org,
phone (925) 254-4906,
or email Lani: lshepp@icloud.com

HYMN* BH 216 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Theodulph of Orléans, 9th Century

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Roger Samuelson

Holy Friend, each day we begin a new journey with you. We trust you to take us into the holiest of places, even if the holiest place is not what we expected it to be. Today our journey is warm with sunlight and dappled with the shade of palm fronds. As we walk with you, help us to remember to find beauty in darkness as much as light. Your love is full of welcome and courage, and so we step forward into the future we cannot yet see, singing “Hosanna.” Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN

SOLO

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Roger Samuelsen

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

John 14:6

Jesus said to them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week April 14—23, 2023
Theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy

April 22nd Earth Day: Pray the National Earth Day Climate Prayer at noon:

We Hold the Earth

We hold everyone who suffers from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.
We hold all species that suffer.
We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.
We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.
We pray for right actions for adaptation and mitigation to help our already suffering earth community.
We pray that love and wisdom might inspire my actions and our actions as communities. . .
so that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of all living beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.
May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life. Amen

Coming in June: The OCC first ever Electric Vehicle Celebration Show.

Do you own an electric vehicle - A car? A bike? A golf cart?
Contact Nancy Thursby to have your vehicle in the show! nlthursby@comcast.net



MERCY & JUSTICE PRESENTS CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

THE 2ND HOUR

April 16 and 23: Join the Mercy & Justice Ministry for in-person screenings of the film series, *Current Revolution* over two “2nd Hour” sessions in Fellowship Hall. These films show the possibility of a just transition to a clean energy economy where the well-being of workers and frontline community members is valued. Advocacy of climate bills and postcard signing will be available during these sessions. The postcards call on Toyota to make all-electric cars by 2035.

SERMON

Fidelity and Change

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 465

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

William Mason

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Stand as you are able*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SOLO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 213

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE



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.

April 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm (PST)

**A reading featuring poets and psalmists
Laura Walker and Kerri Webster**



To Register for this free online event, check your eblasts or go to:

<https://forms.gle/5LtRT65NTAGhqBAS6>

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REMINDER:
the SEDER DINNER
is this week, during Holy Week
Wednesday, April 5th, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.



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

[RSVP's closed on 3/31/23]

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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, April 6, 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. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4, 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, April 6, at 4 pm. The room will open at 3:45 pm for welcome and chatting.

POETRY READING



Tenebrae

a poetry reading illuminating sacred darkness
by Elizabeth Robinson and Norman Weinstein

Join us on April 7, Good Friday, at 2:00 pm
Check your e-blast for a link to register for this Zoom event.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Arlington Community Church The Good Table UCC
City of Refuge UCC Orinda Community Church
First Congregational Church of Berkeley UCC Skyline UCC

invite you to join us for a joint service

Good Friday 2023

Presence and the Absence of Presence



Good Friday Service Orinda Community Church
Friday, April 7, 2023 10 Irwin Way
7:00 p.m. Orinda, CA 94563

LIVESTREAM LINK
OrindaCommunityChurch.org