

**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Mother's Day**



*Painting by Diego Rivera*

**Reflection:**

The human heart was not designed to beat outside the human body and yet, each child represented just that—a parent's heart bared, beating forever outside its chest.

— Debra Ginsberg

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *from Hannah's Song 1 Samuel, Ch. 2* Kathi Kling

One: Our hearts exult in the Holy One;  
our strength is exalted in God.

**All: There is no like you, Holy One,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

One: Rejoice that what was barren has become fertile.  
For God holds all things in balance. God brings life.

**All: God makes poor and makes rich: brings low and also  
exalts. The Compassionate One raises up the poor from  
the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap.**

HYMN\* BH 362

*When Love is Found*

Brian Wren

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In June of this year, we will celebrate Pride Month in a number of ways. As we move into Spring, please be aware that there are also resources and events in our conference that give us opportunity to learn and become allies. You are invited to join the...

**Northern California Nevada Conference  
Queer and Trans Solidarity Action Day  
Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
which will be conducted over Zoom.**

If you would like to participate, check your eblasts for the link.

**PRIDE MONTH**



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONCERT!

## “ADVENTURES”

Nancy Thursby and Kathi Kling will be performing  
on **Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm**  
at Walnut Creek Methodist Church in a Concert Featuring the  
WCUMC Handbell Choirs-Ringing Bells and the L.V.’s  
Directed by Tessique Houston



1543 Sunnyvale Avenue  
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### COMMUNITY PRAYER

Kathi Kling

*adapted from a Medieval birthing prayer*

Almighty and merciful Nurse, out of your bountiful goodness you have made me fruitful, and by your gracious blessing, have created in me a reasonable creature. I most heartily thank thee, not only for this, your gracious gift, but also that you have, at all times, since I came into being, have seen you born anew in my life. I pray you will preserve me from all perils both of soul and body. Truly, you have, at all times since I came into being, been born anew in my life. Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

### WE LISTEN

### SOLO

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 1:1-28

Kathi Kling

There was a certain man from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah. He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

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## Interfaith Power & Light Faith Climate Action Week Theme: Living the Golden Rule: Just Transition to a Clean Energy Economy



Thanks to everyone who joined the Mercy & Justice Ministry for in-person screenings of the film series, *Current Revolution: Nation in Transition* during the April 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> second hours in Fellowship Hall. And thanks to everyone who helped to make this activity a success: Eartha Newsong, Tré Frane, and Kathleen & Gene Wiegand.

**If you missed one or both of the sessions**, contact Nancy Thursby to borrow the DVD at [nlthursby@comcast.net](mailto:nlthursby@comcast.net)

A very good webinar was done by Interfaith, Power, and Light about the film series that features the filmmaker, Roger Sorkin. Check your e-blast for the link.

**If you would like to get copies of the handouts** that were available at the sessions, stop by the Mercy & Justice table after church and see Karen Sanford. Also available, are fact sheets on several California bills, bills which would make progress on solving the issues mentioned in the film. Please consider advocating for them. There is information on the handouts, especially Handout 1, as to how to do that. Also at the table is an opportunity to participate in Interfaith, Power, and Light's postcard campaign. The postcards call on Toyota to make all-electric cars by 2035. Find out a little more about this on Handout 2.

**Coming in June:** The OCC first ever Electric Vehicle Celebration Show. This will be a fun activity to celebrate how church folks are going electric.

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](mailto:nlthursby@comcast.net)



CSA

## Frog Hollow Community Supported Agriculture

Bringing exceptionally flavorful, regenerative, organic fruit to the Orinda Community!

Have you signed up yet for your weekly or bi-weekly boxes of fruit?

Orinda Community Church is hosting Frog Hollow Farm Community Supported Agriculture by offering them a drop-off/pick up spot for their produce.

Every Tuesday, Frog Hollow will be dropping off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes will be picking them.

It's easy to sign up, go to [www.froghollow.com](http://www.froghollow.com) and choose Orinda as your pick-up location. The boxes are deposited on the parking lot side of Fellowship Hall for pickup.



**Questions? Go to their website or email them at [csa@froghollow.com](mailto:csa@froghollow.com)**

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went her way and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.” Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish your word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh, and the

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## SCRIPTURE READING (continued)

child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the child to Eli. And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.” And they worshiped the LORD there.

## WE RESPOND

SERMON *The Gift and the Giving Back* Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

HYMN\* BH 467 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* Jean Janzen

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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**Thank you to this week's ushers:**

**Marilyn Welland, Jill Oberheim, Lani Shepp and Betty Wu**

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## SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

Sunday School is offered **every** Sunday.  
This session runs now through 5/21/23,  
for kids 5 years and up.

Children start in the Sanctuary with their family for worship, and walk over to the Agape Room part way through the service for Sunday School.



**The next Church Council Meeting is  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Keep an eye out for the Zoom link  
in your e-blasts,  
if you would like to attend virtually.**

## 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!**

HYMN\* BH 476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Robert Lowry

## BENEDICTION\*

## POSTLUDE

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## Orinda Community Church

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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, May 18, at 2:00 pm.

**And these, every other week:**

- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the Writers Group shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is May 16.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the Reading Group is doing a study of Marilynne Robinson. We meet via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.



# THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As Winter Nights is winding down, we want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing volunteers for a successful job well done! They have slept over, done laundry, cooked, washed dishes, cleaned, tutored, and provided child care. Thanks also goes to all the folks who donated funds and supplies to support this worthy program.

And this would not be complete without a **HUGE** thank you to Lani Shepp for planning, organizing, training, and implementing.

We  Lani!