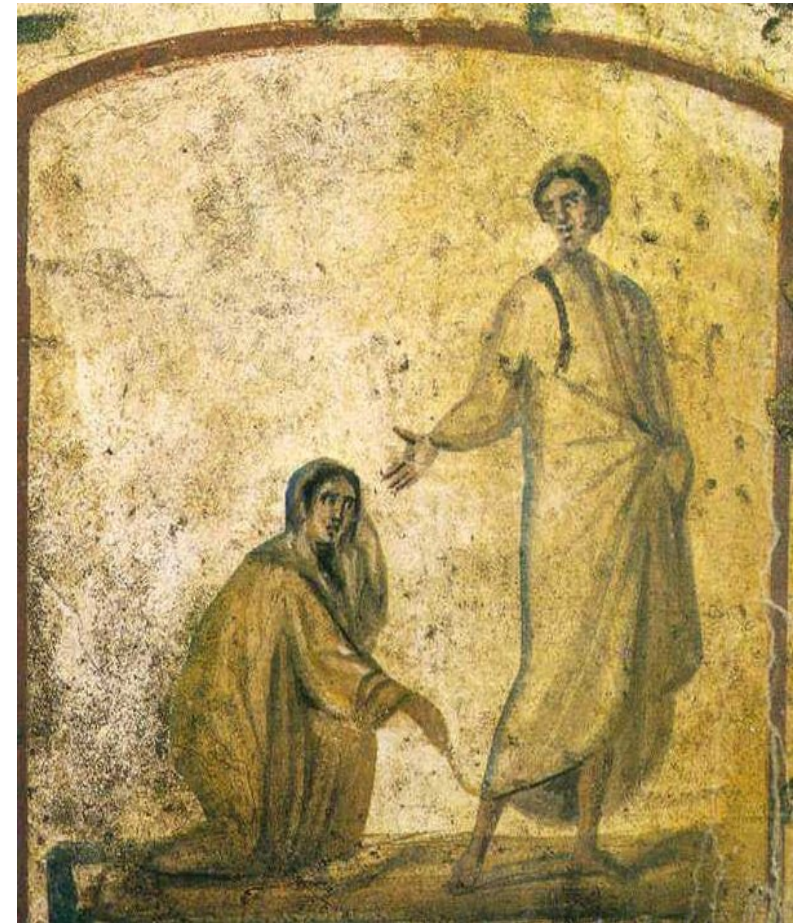


Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, June 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



*4<sup>th</sup> Century fresco of Jesus healing the bleeding woman*

**Reflection:** You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time. — Angela Davis

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*from Psalm 33*

Mary Volmer

One: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully,  
put your heart into your song!

**All: For the word of God is the solid ground beneath us,  
and all God's work is done in faithfulness.**

One: God loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Holy One.

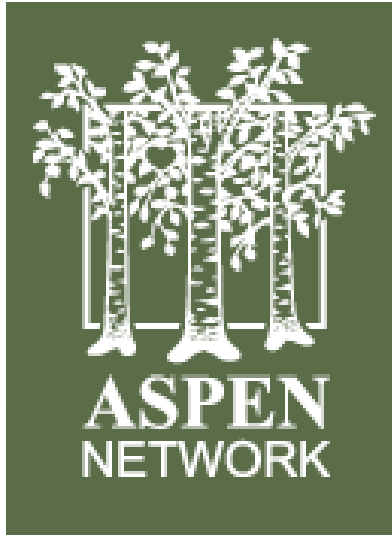
**All: By the word of God the heavens were made,  
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.**

One: The counsel of our loving God stands forever,  
the thoughts of God's heart flow to all generations.



We are excited to announce that  
Vista Verde Community Housing  
has just won the Grand Award at the  
[60th Annual Gold Nugget Awards!](#)

The Gold Nugget Awards is the oldest and most prestigious residential design awards in the nation, recognizing those who improve our communities through exceptional concepts in design, planning and development.



**ASPEN NETWORK, LLC  
HELP WANTED**

Do you know someone looking for a rewarding, part-time job? Aspen Network seeks a Residential Aide for about 4 hours a day, to assist a group of young adults with who live in a home geared toward helping them launch their lives.

This group of young adults, mostly college students, cohabitate in a home right here in Orinda. Residents need help with everyday organizing and planning. Responsibilities would include, reminding residents of appointments, help with organization, food prep, cleaning reminders and overall guidance, as needed. Some driving might be asked of you, but it is not a requirement.

Hours are 9 am - 1 pm-ish - but that can be flexible. Competitive hourly pay.

Interest or experience in counseling and/or psychology preferred, but not required.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please send your resume and/or inquiries to Meg Fields at [megfields.aspen@gmail.com](mailto:megfields.aspen@gmail.com)

HYMN\* RH 651

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

Mechlin

COMMUNITY PRAYER

*a 3<sup>rd</sup> Century prayer*

Mary Volmer

**Beneath thy tenderness of heart  
we take refuge, O kind and tender one.  
We pray out of our necessities,  
so do not cast aside our prayers  
but deliver us from perils.  
This we pray to you, pure and blessed one.  
Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

**WE LISTEN**

SOLO

*\*Stand as you are able*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mary Volmer

*Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*\*Stand as you are able*



## Electric Vehicle Celebration Show Postponed to July

The Orinda Community Church first ever **Electric Vehicle Show** is postponed until July to allow all who wish to show their vehicle to be able to participate. 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)



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

**Jill Oberheim  
Marilyn Welland  
Betty Wu**





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 drops off boxes of fruit and folks that have signed up for weekly or bi-weekly boxes pick them up.

It's east 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? You can ask Anna in the office, or go to their website [www.froghollow.com](http://www.froghollow.com) or email them at [csa@froghollow.com](mailto:csa@froghollow.com)

SERMON

*Mercy, Not Punishment*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

## WE RESPOND

HYMN\* **RH** 386

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

Carlton R. Young

## 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.**

*\*Stand as you are able*

MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

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 423

*Great is Your Faithfulness*

Thomas Chisolm

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

*\*Stand as you are able*

**The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:  
A reading featuring  
Lucy Jane Bledsoe, author of **TELL THE REST****

June 11, 2023 at 4:00pm (pst)

Register for this free, online event here: <https://forms.gle/FfPxJYndWh8S15By7>



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](mailto:altamesacenter@gmail.com)



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.

Alta Mesa Center for the Arts' Reading Feature

A reading and discussion featuring  
**LUCY JANE BLEDSOE**  
author of "TELL THE REST"

**TODAY June 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm**

Check your eblasts to register for this free,  
online event

(flyer on next page)

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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, June 15, 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 June 13.
- ✚ 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, June 15, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour

Please join us in the Fireside Room today,  
following services, @ 11:30 am  
for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour presented by  
**Anne Barr and Fred Matteson**  
about their recent travels in Israel,  
Jordan and other parts of the Middle East.

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**The next Church Council Meeting is  
Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

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



**OCC will be hosting Camp Brainy Bunch  
here this Summer.**

**The Directors of the camp have extended a  
\$100/per week discount to church members.**

**Camp Brainy Bunch is where learning meets FUN!**

**Day Camps are available for grades 1 – 6.**

**There are weekly themes like Dynamite Doctors,  
Extraordinary Engineers, and Daring Detectives.**

**Go to [campbrainybunch.com](http://campbrainybunch.com) if you would like to sign up,  
using code **2023OCC100** to get the discount.**