

**Orinda Community Church  
Order of Worship  
Sunday, July 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**



## **Our Open and Affirming Statement**

**The Church was established as a community church, inviting all who seek to know the God of Jesus Christ to join our faith journey.**

**Trusting in the power of God's reconciling love, we renew our founding mission, affirming each individual as a child of God.**

**We open our family of faith to persons of every ability, age, ethnicity, family or economic status, gender, sexual orientation, spiritual or cultural origin, or any other visible or invisible difference.**

**In the spirit of Jesus, we joyfully welcome all to full participation in the life of our church.**

-- Adopted January 23, 2000

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Barry Cammer

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Mary Volmer

**One:** We gather as a community of faith knowing that the things that unite us are more important than the things that make us different from one another.

**All:** We come to bear witness to our common belief that God loves each of us, that God loves all of us, and that God calls us to love “all of us”.

**One:** It seems so easy. But somehow some people feel excluded, marginalized and ignored.

**All:** Perhaps it is the call of the faith community to speak of God’s inclusivity.

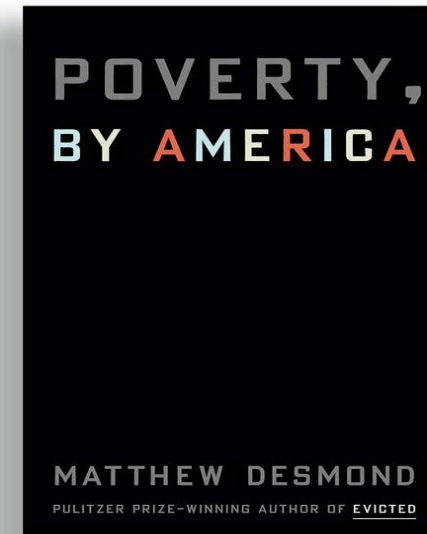
## SCHEDULING NOTES

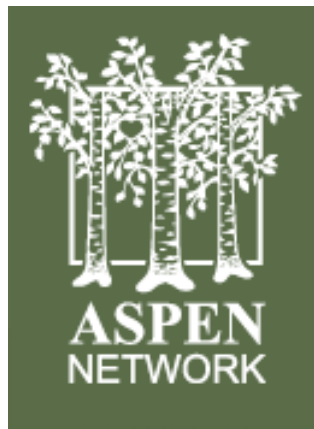
Reverend Elizabeth Robinson is presiding at her sister’s Memorial and will return Tuesday, July 11.

The Centering Prayer Service on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> is canceled, but the Chapel will be open for any who want to use the space on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m.

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The Reading Group is holding a **2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Presentation** (date to be announced) about the book *Poverty, by America* by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Matthew Desmond. We encourage you to begin reading now so that you can be part of the discussion when we meet!





## 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)

**\*\*\*update: Meg has found a person but is looking for one more!  
Please help her get the word out.**

HYMN\* BH 164

*Arise, Your Light is Come*

Ruth Duck

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Mary Volmer

**Holy One, You teach us that we are all one. We hear you but do not always understand. You call us to love everyone, but we sometimes find that difficult. You invite us into your realm where love and life find their source. Be patient with us. We do want to love inclusively, we do want to feel at one with all creation, but do not always know how. Lead us, guide us, along our path to that place where all of your creation can lift our voices and sing a song of gratitude and oneness.**

**Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Reverend Barry Cammer

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**WE LISTEN**

SOLO

*\*Stand as you are able*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mary Volmer

*Galatians 3:21-29*

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through the faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

SERMON

*Queer Lives Matter*

Reverend Barry Cammer



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

**Jill Oberheim  
Marilyn Welland  
Betty Wu**



**The next Church Council Meeting is  
Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**TODAY @4 PM!**

**The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:**

A reading and discussion with

**NINA SCHUYLER**

Author of

**AFTERWORD**

with Toni Mirosevich

July 9th at 4:00pm (pacific)



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)

**WE RESPOND**

HYMN\* BH 391

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

Julian Rush

A TIME OF PRAYER

Reverend Barry Cammer

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.**

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MOMENT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Barry Cammer

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY\* RH 94

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**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!**

UNISON PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**Great Generous God, when we reflect, we are overwhelmed by your generosity. may we, too, grow in our own generosity of time, talent, and resources so that our common world might be filled with your love. accept our gifts that we return to you. may these gifts nurture love, acceptance, and our growth toward you. Amen.**

HYMN\* BH 388

*Help Us to Accept Each Other*

Fred Kaan

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# HOPE SOLUTIONS BACKPACK DRIVE



OCC has a long tradition of helping to supply backpacks and school supplies for children by working with Hope Solutions.

Hope Solutions is now running the backpack drive online, with 2 options. You can sign up for a specific age and purchase the backpack and supplies yourself and drop off at Hope Solutions (or ask Karen Sanford to drop it off if you cannot make the drive), or send a donation online. Please check your eblasts for the link to sign up and/or give.

Alternatively, you can always donate by sending a check to Hope Solutions, 399 Taylor Boulevard, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523  
**[hopesolutions.org](http://hopesolutions.org)**

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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, July 13, at 2:00 pm.

**And these, every other week:**

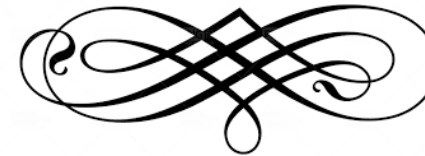
- ✚ Two Tuesdays a month, the **Writers Group** shares and discusses their writings via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is July 11.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the **Reading Group** meets via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13, at 4:00 p.m. The room opens at 3:45 p.m. for welcome and chatting.

BENEDICTION\*

Reverend Barry Cammer

POSTLUDE

David Milnes



Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Discussion today after service.

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## CREATION JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENT



### JULY IS PLASTIC-FREE MONTH!

We all try to recycle, but sadly much of the plastic produced, especially numbers 2-7 plastics, end up in the landfill anyway.

Read this quote from Repurpose:

“Many of us consider plastic recycling a great step toward lowering our ecological footprint and protecting the environment. However, **less than 10% of plastic waste generated globally has been recycled so far.** A somewhat larger portion (**12%**) has been incinerated and the rest has simply ended up in landfills and our oceans.”

Our best option is to reuse, but how? Below are some suggestions from the Zero Waste Store. Check out their website <http://zerowastestore.com> and the other sites below.

1. Reduce your plastic usage & replace it with reusables or refillables.
2. Avoid single-use plastic.
3. Avoid small plastics that are unlikely to be recycled, (usually numbers 2 through 7).
4. If you see plastic pollution, pick it up.
5. Know where plastic is in your products. Replace it or avoid it altogether.
6. Recycle better. Know what your municipality can recycle and only send those items to the facility.
7. Vote & fight for legislation such as bag bans.
8. Pressure local government to enforce plastic bans and create better waste management rules.
9. Ask & call out companies to do better. From local restaurants to major corporations.
10. Rethink your wardrobe — or at least your next purchase. Try to avoid “fast fashion” and plastic materials.

Other sites to check out:

[www.rePurpose.Global](http://www.rePurpose.Global)

<http://ecologycenter.org/plastic-free-july/>

<http://grove.co>

<http://netzero.com>

<http://Dropps.com>