

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



Painting by Father John Giuliani

Reflection:

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that, I still possess. –Corrie ten Boom

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Kathleen Wiegand

One: Holy One, we live in your blessing, but sometimes do not know how to use the richness you give.

All: **We strive to live your vision, and sometimes find ourselves walking the wrong way when we are many miles down the road.**

One: When our best intentions have led us astray, show us how to return to you.

All: **We will give thanks even for our mistakes and promise to learn from them.**

One: You, God, are present in all circumstances.

All: **Because of this, we give thanks in all circumstances.**

**Stand as you are able*

The Alta Mesa Center for the Arts presents:

Juliet Patterson,

author of Sinkhole: A Legacy of Suicide

and

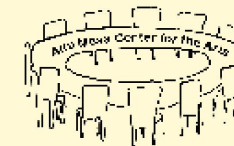
Tobey Hiller

author of Crow Mind

November 12th at 4:00pm

REGISTER HERE FOR THIS FREE, ONLINE EVENT :

<https://forms.gle/DHap4Dsbgc2zHgSk8>



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



Elementary aged kids are welcome to join us in the Agape Center each week for some learning and fun! Kids start in the Sanctuary for Sunday service and then are excused part way through, to go to Sunday School.

Thank you to the many people who have already signed up to teach! We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with the kids (one main teacher and one helper adult each week). Simple online training and live scan fingerprinting are required.

If you would like to help at Sunday School, please contact Anna in the office who can help you take the 2 easy steps to get cleared to volunteer.

For any questions about Sunday School itself,
please contact Amy Parlett at saparlett@comcast.net

HYMN* BH 89 *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* G.A. Studdert-Kennedy

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Kathleen Wiegand

**God of Community,
encompassing all that was, that is and that can be,
who brings to birth each precious being in your creation;
we thank you for our capacity to love,
and for your love poured out on us.
We pray for your blessing on all communities through time.
May our common life be enriched by your presence,
and blessed by our shared gifts.
Grant us grace and humility to heal past hurts,
and transform us,
that together we may take our place in your Beloved
Community. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

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WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathleen Wiegand

Matthew 13:16

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Philippians 3:13

Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me.

John 8:31

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.”

SERMON

Gratitude as Discipleship

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

PICK-UP AUCTION TODAY!



*Pick-up and In-Person Auction Today,
After Services in Fellowship Hall*

Advent will be here before you know it!



Save the dates!

Advent Workshop - Sunday, December 3rd at 4 pm.

Advent Wednesday night special events all at 7 pm:

December 6: A joint service of Taize Music with The Good Table

December 13: Annual reading of *The Velveteen Rabbit*

December 20: Solstice service and labyrinth walk

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 289

Come Forth, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena

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

STEWARDSHIP

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC Greg McCall, Double Bass

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN* BH 82 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Jaroslav Vajda

BENEDICTION* Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE David Milnes



**Local Boy Scouts of America Troop 402G is the biggest
all-girl Scout troop in the nation!**

**They will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year,
right here at Orinda Community Church
after Sunday services on
November 19, November 29 and December 3.**



Troop 402G

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**Due to plumbing work scheduled next week,
Fellowship Hall will be without water
on Friday, November 10th,
so the Office will be closed that day.**



**Elizabeth Robinson will be on vacation
from November 6 through November 19.**

**Kurt Sunderbruch has graciously agreed
to preach on the November 12th and 19th.**

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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, the bible, and other topics. The next meeting is Thursday, November 30.

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 Tuesday, November 28.
- ✚ Two Thursdays a month, starting at 3:45 p.m., the **Reading Group** meets via Zoom. The room opens 15 minutes early for welcome and chatting. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 30.

Today's Coffee Hour is brought to you by

Bruce and Trudi Garland

The ushers have the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet.
We are looking for volunteers!



If you're able to take on this greatly appreciated service for
one Sunday, please sign up today!



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Carey Carpenter, Mike Kersten,
Anna Maclean & Kathleen Wiegand

STEWARDSHIP TIME



You may have received your pledge card in the mail.

In case you have not received yours yet,
you will find extra pledge cards in the pews.

Because of **YOU** our church changes lives.

Please send in your pledge card now!