

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



art by John August Swanson

Reflection:

The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another.

-- Thomas Merton

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

David Milnes

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *from a prayer by C. Wess Daniels* Judy McCall

One: God of the body of Christ, organs and limbs, feet and hands, the weak and the strong, the broken and the suffering, we recognize our dependence on you, we see how you knit us together as one.

(Call to Worship continued on the next page)



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.

For any questions about Sunday School, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Amy Parlett at saparlett@comcast.net



Please join us for a conversation about the crisis in Gaza on Sunday, January 28, after the 10 am Service. We will have a facilitated discussion, utilizing Quaker Dialogue.



Thank you to this week's ushers:

Tré Frane

Roger & Jeane Samuelsen

Karen Sanford

**ANNUAL MEETING TODAY,
AFTER SERVICES**

**Volunteers needed for Coffee Duties
after Sunday Service**



**If you're able to take on this greatly appreciated service
for one Sunday, please sign up today!
The ushers have the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!

CALL TO WORSHIP* (continued)

All: We confess our own independence, our own individualism and self-centeredness.

We too often say:

I don't need you.

I don't need others.

I can only rely on myself.

One: We see this has a crippling effect on not only on our society, not only on our families and friends but on our very souls.

All: Help us to be open to our needs, and help us to nurture into our lives a robust interdependence. May you also strengthen this community and draw us together as one. Amen.

HYMN* **RH** 145

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon

COMMUNITY PRAYER

from Psalm 62

Judy McCall

For you alone, God, our souls wait in silence, for our hope comes from you. Our refuge is in you, God. We will practice trust in you at all times. We will pour out our hearts to you. You do converse with us, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Holy One. Your responsiveness is our home and our refuge. Amen.

**Please stand, as you are able*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

SOLO

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Judy McCall

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of God. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said to bring upon them; and did not do it.



ARE NEEDED!

About 4 friendly volunteers are needed to join our usher teams for the 2024 calendar year. Youth are especially encouraged to volunteer. Two additional greeters are also needed to focus on welcoming first-time visitors to our worship services.

The commitment for both ushers and greeters is for just one Sunday a month. These opportunities for service are a great way to meet and serve all who attend our worship services and to provide an extravagant welcome to people in the greater community.

If you would like to volunteer or for more information, please contact our Usher Coordinator, Mike Kersten, at mikejkersten@aol.com or by cell **925-254-2209**



Winter Nights will be at OCC
January 29- February 26, 2024

Sign-ups for helping available before and after Sunday service.

We need volunteers to:

1. Come at 5:00 AM to put out coffee and cold breakfast for the guests (everyone leaves by 7:00 AM) — Monday thru Friday.
2. Prepare and serve dinner for guests and volunteers at 6:00 PM every night.
3. Prepare and serve hot breakfast 8:00 AM — Saturday and Sunday.
4. Play with children from 5:00 to 8:00 PM— and have dinner with them! — Monday thru Friday.
5. Help work with school age students on their homework 5:00 to 8:00 PM — Monday-Thursday — dinner included.
6. Spend the night as a backup for Winter Nights staff and help with cold breakfast — 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM — every night.

SIGN UP TODAY!

SERMON *God Changed God's Mind* Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* *They'll Know We Are Christians* Peter Scholtes

(Please see the hymn on the next page.)

**Please stand, as you are able*

They'll Know We Are Christians

Peter Scholtes

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. -John 13:35

1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4 All . . . praise to the Fath - er, from . . . whom all things come, and all

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus, his . . . on - ly . . . Son, And all

10 pray that all u - ni - ty will one day be re - stored,
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in the Land
guard hu - man dig - ni - ty, and we'll save hu - man pride,
praise to the Spir - it, who . . . makes . . . us . . . one,

14 *Refrain. --repeat on final verse*
And they'll know we are Christians by our Love, by our Love, Yes, they'll

19 know we are Christ-ians by our Love. Love.

ALTA MESA CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS



January Reading: Making Space 2024



Dawn Angelicca Barcelona



Celeste Chan



Jennifer Hasegawa



Grace Loh Prasad

Sunday, January 28th - 4pm PT on Zoom

Facilitated by Candy Shue and Maw Shein Win



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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. No need to sign up. Please stop by if you are interested.
- ✚ 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, January 25.

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, January 23.
- ✚ 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, January 25.

WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Let us, the members of Orinda Community Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Jesus.

People: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of the church.**
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of the gospel.

A TIME OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**Please stand, as you are able*

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 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 394 In Christ, There Is No East or West Harry T. Burleigh

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

David Milnes

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