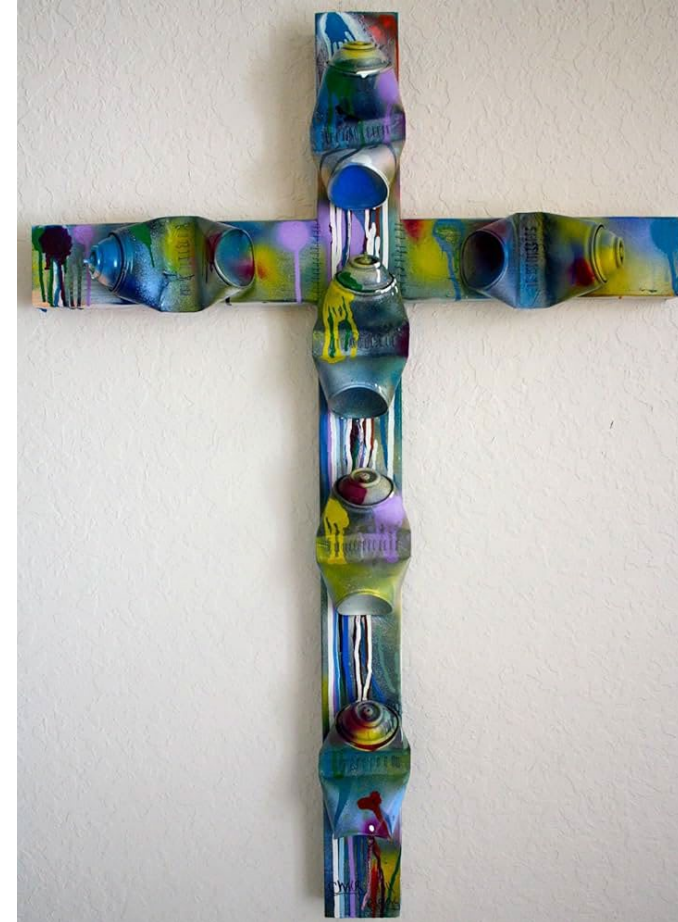


**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, March 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



Street art cross made by Chris Riggs for Mayer

Reflection:

Miracles... seem to me to rest not so much upon... healing power coming suddenly near us from afar but upon our perceptions being made finer, so that, for a moment, our eyes can see and our ears can hear what is there around us always. — Willa Cather

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: All of us, at times, have lived by following the course of this world.

All: **We have followed our passions, deadening us to God's whole reality.**

One: God opens the way of the real and has made us alive together.

All: **This is the grace that we now recognize as life itself.**

One: For we are what God made us, created in Jesus for good works.

All: **God prepared this beforehand to be our way of life.**



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

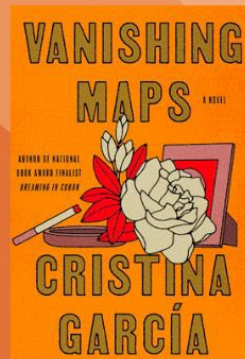


Thank you to this week's ushers:

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



March 2024 Reading: Cristina García



Sunday, March 24th – 4pm PT on Zoom

Facilitated by Juliet Kinkade-Black



Hosted and sponsored by
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To register for this free online event, check your eblasts or go to our website www.orindacommunitychurch.org and look up “ARTS” and then choose “ALTA MESA CENTER FOR THE ARTS”.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Kathleen Wiegand

There are days, God, when we are tired and your holy focus fails us.

There are days when life rubs on our souls like a rash.

On those days, we want to numb ourselves. We want to pay less attention.

We want to try less hard.

From that fatigue, we ask you to awaken us to your vivid, gorgeous world.

Stir our hearts and our bodies to brighten with your true life, your realer real.

Creation is waiting for us to unite with it. We arise in faith. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SOLO

**Please stand, as you are able*

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kathleen Wiegand

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



Volunteers are needed each week to make the coffee for the Fellowship Hour and to bring a treat to share.

The Ushers have the sign-up sheet.
Please sign up for just one Sunday!

Thank you to **ANNA MACLEAN**
who volunteered to bring tasty snacks to share today!

Karl Schonborn invites you and yours to a
Book Launch and Fine Art Giveaway

March 17, 2024
11 am – 1:30 pm

Fellowship Hall, Orinda Community Church (uphill from Fire Station)
10 Irwin Way, Orinda

RSVP recommended by March 5*

Help me launch my new book, *Privileged Killers*, and celebrate the revised edition of my critically acclaimed *Cleft Heart*.

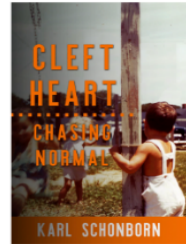


When it comes to crime writers,
Schonborn's the real deal.

Ellie Honig
Former Federal Prosecutor
CNN Legal Analyst
Author, *Untouchable*

A poignant heartfelt tale.

John Kerry
Former US Secretary of
State



- Enjoy Refreshments, Conversation, Artwork, Short Program and Book Signing.
- Choose one of my new unique art prints with each book purchase.
- Participate in a raffle to win one of my life-sized “heroes & villains” paintings (one ticket for each book purchase).
- Check out KarlSchonborn.com/book and Facebook.com/CleftHeartedOverBias for further information.

I look forward to sharing this launch with you. I'd be honored to host you and your friends and family. Karl



*RSVP to kschonborn@gmail.com

John 3:17, 19, 21

Kathleen Wiegand

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

SERMON

Made Alive Together

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 57

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Jean Janzen

**Please stand, as you are able*

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

**Please stand, as you are able*

Please bring your clothing donations to church for the Trinity Center.

The Trinity Center of Walnut Creek is truly a doorway to opportunities for vulnerable people in the Walnut Creek area. They are always in serious need of men's pants and shoes. **They need casual pants, sweatpants, track pants and jeans of any color! Shoes for men are also an on-going need.** Pants and shoes for men just are not donated at the same rate as shirts, women's clothes and socks.

They are looking for pants which could be worn by a Trinity member to a job site, a new housing opportunity, or a classroom. Anything you donate doesn't have to be new . . . but they should be clean and have some amount of life left in them.

Please bring your items to church marked for Trinity Center or Nancy Thursby. I will deliver the clothes to them. If anyone would like to accompany me, let me know and I will see if I can arrange for a tour.

Contact Nancy Thursby for any questions: nlthursby@comcast.net



Join us each Sunday during Lent at 9:30 am for a Lenten Peace Vigil, where we take some time for prayer and communion.

Each Thursday at 10 am, you can also join the Peace Vigil in the church library where we make birds to recognize and cherish the beloved lives of children lost in war, especially those now dying of starvation in Palestine.

SPONSORSHIP FORM
2024 Easter Memorial/Honorary Flowers

If you would like to remember or honor someone you love this Easter, complete this form to sponsor an azalea and/or lily for Easter morning services.



Your name _____

Name(s) of memorial **or** honoree (***PLEASE*** circle one):

Number of Easter Lilies \$20.00 *each* _____

Number of Azaleas \$25.00 *each* _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed

Please return this form to church office or put in offering plate by March 24.

Flowers may be picked up after the 10 am Easter Service on March 31.

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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 492

I Would Be True

Howard Arnold Walter

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

David Milnes

**Please stand, as you are able*

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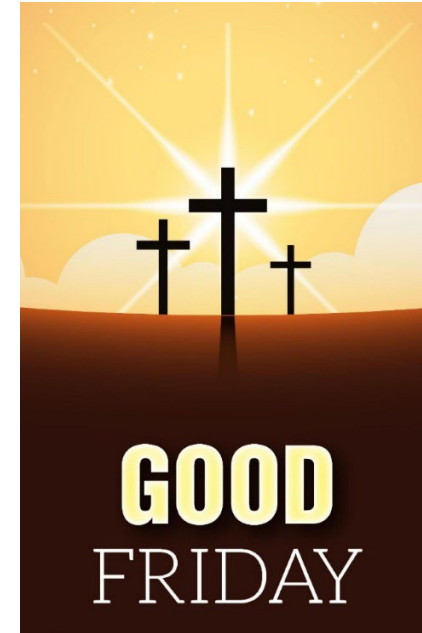
WEEKLY EVENTS

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, March 14.

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, March 19.
- ✚ 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, March 21.



*There will be a multi-congregational service
on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm,
in the Sanctuary,
here at Orinda Community Church.*

Last week, Reverend Barry Cammer came to speak to us about the Black Wealth Builders Fund and performed a racial gap simulation.

If you are interested in contributing to this innovative program, please write "Black Wealth Builders Fund" in the memo portion of your check, and submit to an usher or to the OCC office.

Together we can make steps to repair the decades of discrimination that has damaged black communities.