

BLACK WEALTH BUILDERS FUND



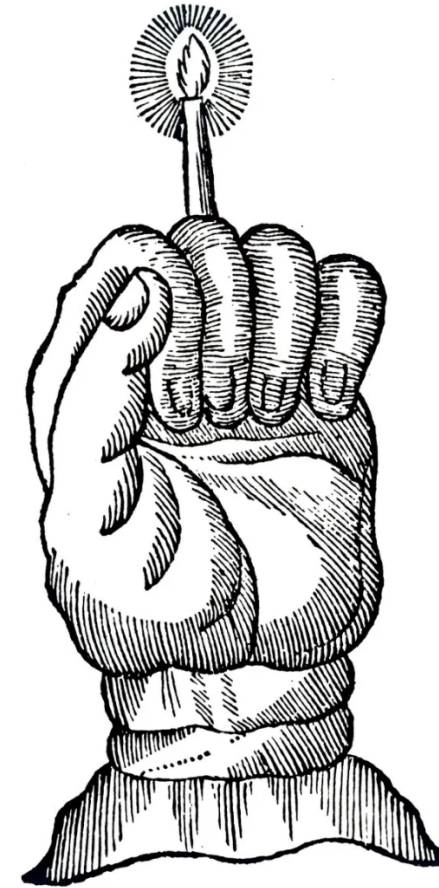
2 Sundays ago, Reverend Barry Cammer came to speak to us about the Black Wealth Builders Fund and performed a racial gap simulation.

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.

For more information about this program, go to <https://www.arlingtoncommunitychurchucc.org/bwb>

Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, March 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



Reflection:

The art of art, the glory of expression and the sunshine of the light, is simplicity. —Walt Whitman

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Nik Nackley

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Psalm 119

Nancy Thursby

One: With our whole hearts we seek you.

All: **We treasure your word in our hearts, so that we may not lose sight of you.**

One: Blessed are you, O Loving One; teach us your ways.

All: **We delight in your ways as much as in all riches.**

One: We will meditate on your creation, and fix our eyes on your glory.

All: **We take pleasure in you; we will not forget your word.**



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

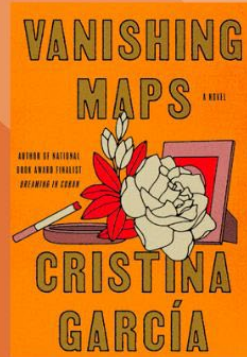


Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Jeane & Roger Samuelsen
Tré Frane and Joan Upshaw**



March 2024 Reading: Cristina García



Sunday, March 24th - 4pm PT on Zoom

Facilitated by Juliet Kinkade-Black



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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".

HYMN* BH 174

Hear the Voice of God, So Tender

Lavon Baylor

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Thursby

Loving Light,

**We hear much about your glory, but what do we know of glory?
As light bounces off the surface of the water, we get blinded by
the glare,**

And then miss the current that flows beneath.

**Today, we close our eyes and hear the sound of you moving in
creation.**

We close our eyes to soak up the warmth of your sunlight.

**We feel your glory in the durability of love, in the energies of
justice.**

**Your gentle glory goes with us. And when we are ready, we open
our eyes to you. 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

John 12:20-29

Nancy Thursby

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say -- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine."

SERMON

A More Subtle Glory

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



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

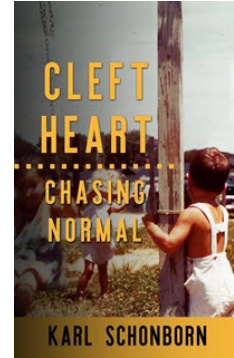
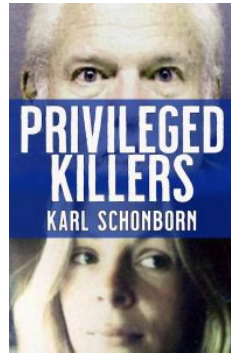
The Ushers have the sign-up sheet.
Please sign up for a Sunday!

Thank you to
Karl & Leslie Schonborn
and Nancy Peterson

who volunteered to make the coffee and bring snacks today!

Due to publisher issues, Karl Schonborn's event is delayed and there will be no book launch after church today.

We look forward to Karl rescheduling this event!



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.

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 509

How Deep the Silence of the Soul

Sylvia Dunstan

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.

**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*



Do you have any men's clothing (or women's) that you want to get rid of but don't know who wants them? Bring them to church for Trinity Center.

Trinity Center of Walnut Creek is truly a doorway to opportunities for vulnerable people in the Walnut Creek area. Clothing is part of the offerings at Trinity. They are always in serious need of men's pants and shoes. **They need casual pants, sweatpants, track pants and of course, 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. The pants you donate don't have to be new . . . but they should be clean and have some amount of life left in them. Shoes, the same - new is great, but any comfortable shoes to keep feet dry and warm. All sizes welcome!

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

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 288

Let It Breathe On Me

Magnolia Lewis-Butts

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson

POSTLUDE

Nik Nackley

**Please stand, as you are able*

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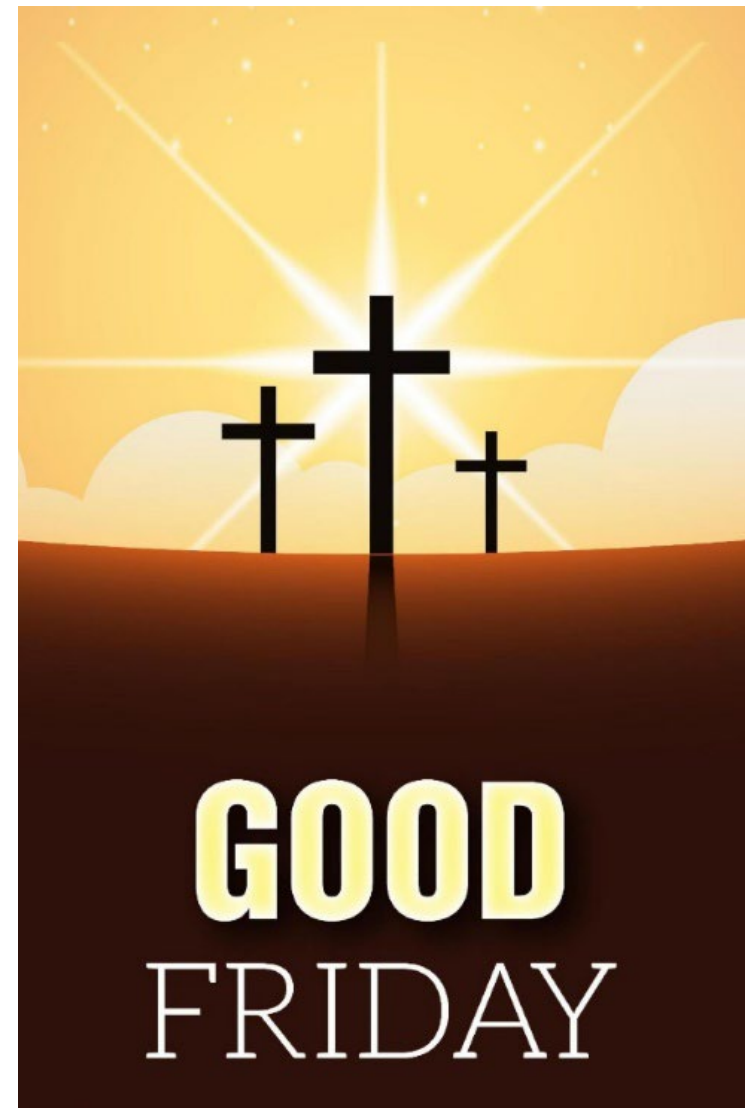
WEEKLY EVENTS

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 21.

And these, every 2 weeks:

- ✚ 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.*