

**Orinda Community Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, April 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**



Artist Unknown

Reflection:

Everything is always a story, but the loveliest ones are those that get written and are not torn up and are taken to a friend as payment for listening, for putting a wise keyhole to the ear of my mind. — Janet Frame

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

BRINGING OF THE LIGHT & RINGING OF THE HOUR

The Acolytes

WELCOME

Reverend Lindsay L. Fulmer

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP* *by Bronwyn Angela White* Nancy Thursby

One: Take up your pack . . . Go forth into the world. Know that you are your loved.

All: **In the wilderness or the city, in slavery or promised land, our needs are met – more than we can need.**

One: Water gushes from the rock – for you.

All: **Manna falls in abundance – for you, for us.**

One: The seas part, walls fall down, milk and honey flow – for you. Cloud and fire go with you.

All: **In bondage or freedom, in settlement or wandering –
We go in grace,
We go in joy,
We go in peace. Amen.**



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.

Our last day of Sunday School, before Summer break is May 19th.

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

Next up at Alta Mesa Center for the Arts

April 28th, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Think of Your Poem as a Mug

A Maker, Mentor, Muse Workshop
and Fundraiser with



Vince Montague

In this workshop and conversation, artist and writer Vince Montague, proposes ways of conceiving of your writing as an object in the physical world.

All OCC members are invited to attend at no cost. To register, go to:
<https://www.maryvolmer.com/alta-mesa-center-for-the-arts.html>

If you wish to contribute to Maker, Mentor, Muse's fundraising effort,
that can also be done on that website.

Email Mary (maryvolmer@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

HYMN* BH 83

I Sing as I Arise Today

Saint Patrick

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Nancy Thursby

Holy Guide,
We are all travelers. We each carry many journeys within us.
Accompany us now, whether we are embarking on journeys of
heart, thought, or act. There is no stagnation in our life with you.
Your hand draws us forward and is there to catch us when we fall.
We thank you for the life of love and discovery that beckons us
now and every day. 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 READING

Nancy Thursby

Tobit 5:17-18

Tobit called his son and said to him: "My son, prepare whatever you need for the journey, and set out with your kinsman. May God in heaven protect you on the way and bring you back to me safe and sound; and may God's angel accompany you for safety, my child."

SERMON

Departures and Arrivals

Reverend Elizabeth Robinson
Reverend Lindsay L. Fulmer

WE RESPOND

HYMN* BH 593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson

MORAGA ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE STATION 45
33 ORINDA WAY

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HANDBELL CHOIRS

present
2024 Spring Concert

EARTH, AIR, FIRE, WATER, SPACE

Saturday, May 11, 2004, 4 pm
1543 Sunnyvale Avenue
Walnut Creek



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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*

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* RH 143

On Eagles Wings (sing twice)

Michael Joncas

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Lindsay L. Fulmer

POSTLUDE



Thank you to this week's ushers:

**Phil Bernard, Leslie Dickson,
Breda Keogh-Hanks & Gail Mead**

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

Care & Fellowship

who volunteered to make the coffee & bring snacks today!

**Please stand, as you are able*



Keep bringing those clothes in! The Trinity Center needs you!

We will continue to collect clothes for the Trinity Center, so look for the clothing barrel in the Narthex when you have something to give.



Contact Nancy Thursby if you have any questions:
nlthursby@comcast.net

TODAY FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE!

Rev. Elizabeth Robinson Sabbatical *Bon Voyage*
&
Karl Schonborn Book Signing

As Rev. Elizabeth departs on her well-earned sabbatical Monday April 29, we will devote some time to wishing her well in her 3 months of reflection away from OCC. Please come wish her the best in her time away, and let her know how much we will miss her. Elizabeth will share with us some of her perspectives on her time with us and her plans during her sabbatical. Cake and coffee served.

THEN . . .

Help Karl Schonborn launch *Privileged Killers* and re-launch revised *Cleft Heart: Chasing Normal*.

The new family-friendly edition of *Cleft Heart* is out so people can donate a copy to a doctor, dentist, healthcare pro, or speech therapist for them to share with families dealing with challenging birth defects.

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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, May 2.

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, April 30.
- ✚ 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, May 2.



Orinda Community Church raised over \$10,000 for the
Black Wealth Builders Fund.

We are AMAZED by your generosity!!!

The funds raised are being matched by an anonymous donor.

Thank you to all who contributed.