



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
January 10, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Jayne Nichols

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Move In Our Midst

Move in our midst, thou Spirit of God.
Go with us down from thy holy hill.
Walk with us through the storm and the calm.
Spirit of God, go thou with us still.

Touch thou our hands to lead us aright,
Guide us forever, show us thy way.
Transform our darkness into thy light.
Spirit of God, still lead thou us today.

Strike from our feet the fetters that bind.
Lift from our lives the weight of our wrong.
Teach us to love with heart, soul, and mind.
Spirit of God, thy love makes us strong.

Kindle our hearts to burn with thy flame.
Raise up thy banners high in this hour.
Stir us to build new worlds in thy name.
Spirit of God, O send us thy pow'r!

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Matthew 3:4-12, Matthew 21:23-27

Message - "By What Authority?" - Micah Bales

Open Worship

Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it:



Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.

Hymn - We Are One In The Spirit

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.

Chorus

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.

Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus



Welcome – Announcements- Offering

God is the Great Giver and has given much to us. The contributions you make are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail or the Donate Now button on the church's website.

Welcome

We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation. We trust that your heart may be warmed by the Lord's Presence as we worship together. If you have prayer needs or spiritual concerns, please call or email the pastors, Micah Bales and Faith Kelley, or any member of Ministry and Council.

Church Announcements

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing David Johnson's book, "Jesus, Christ and Servant of God: Meditations on the Gospel According to John." You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss.

Sunday January 29 at 11:00 AM- Worship with Whittier First Friends, our sister congregation in the Western Association of Friends. Bobby Trice, Quaker Engagement Associate at Friends Committee on National Legislation, will be preaching. At 1:00 PM there will also be a workshop about lobby Congress, the work FCNL is doing and how we can be a part of it.

Good News Associates is continuing their **Way of the Spirit** program.

The next three Saturday interactive online mini-course will be focused on "Forgive- Relationships in the Holy." **The sessions are 9:30-1:30 January 16, 30, and February 13, 2021.** To register and for more information, go to their [website](#).

Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples by Friends Peace Teams via Zoom on **Sunday, Feb 7, 5-7 pm EASTERN time.** [Register here](#). In this 2-hour participatory workshop, we hear the story of the colonization of this land in the words of Indigenous leaders, Euro-American leaders, and Western historians. We take part in the story through experiential exercises, and share our responses and reflections in small groups. Together, we explore steps that we can take to build relationships with Native peoples based on truth, respect, and justice.

People's Climate Empowerment Series Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) is offering a helpful resource for anyone looking to become more engaged with climate action. The series connects people with international efforts that can strengthen climate action at all levels. [Click here for more information](#).

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org and follow us on Facebook.

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church

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- We **thank you for watching over us, offering us light and hope.** We remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Thank you again for the many ways in which you reach out to us.

- We pray for **loved ones** in our circles of care: All those diagnosed with, suffering from, or recovering from serious illnesses including **Liz's classmate Allie, Joe Williams, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Faith's cousin Vicki, Veneita Porter and Stanley Chagala Ngesa.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue, Janice Wells, Joe Bell and Joe Williams.**
- We pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We grieve all those who have died and ask for an end to this pandemic.
- We are grateful that **Stanley Chagala Ngesa** has made it safely back to Kenya. Help him to sort out all the bureaucratic tangles with his passport and other paperwork. May his quarantine time pass quickly and comfortably. May he feel settled and at peace.
- We pray for **all those who are grieving this winter.** Many families, friends and communities have lost loved ones. Comfort those who are saying good-bye and missing those who have passed. We particularly remember West Richmond Friends Church and Raysville Friends Church who have lost dear saints.
- We pray for **all those struggling with the difficulties of family life.** Living together can be a challenge, made even more so by the pandemic. We ask that you give us love, patience and understanding for each other. Knit us closer together in your love and love for one another.
- We ask for **peace in our country.** We pray that democracy and the will of the people would be respected. We pray against violence and intimidation. Help us to be a people of justice and reconciliation in this world. Show us the way to shine your light in the midst of trials and uncertainty.
- **Help us to dedicate our lives to you,** to offer our best for you, to be of service to you by serving in your world. We lift ourselves up as people in need of your grace. Our world is in the midst of strife; wars, oppression, famine, hunger, alienation, situations in which we have abused the world and each other. Heal us and this world, Lord. Renew us with your life-giving waters and re-affirm our baptism as your children.

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