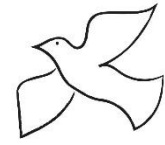




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
February 21, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Micah Bales

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Come Thou Fount

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by Thy help I've come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above.

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Matthew 9:14-16



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 - Jesus Be The Center

Jesus, be the center.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus.

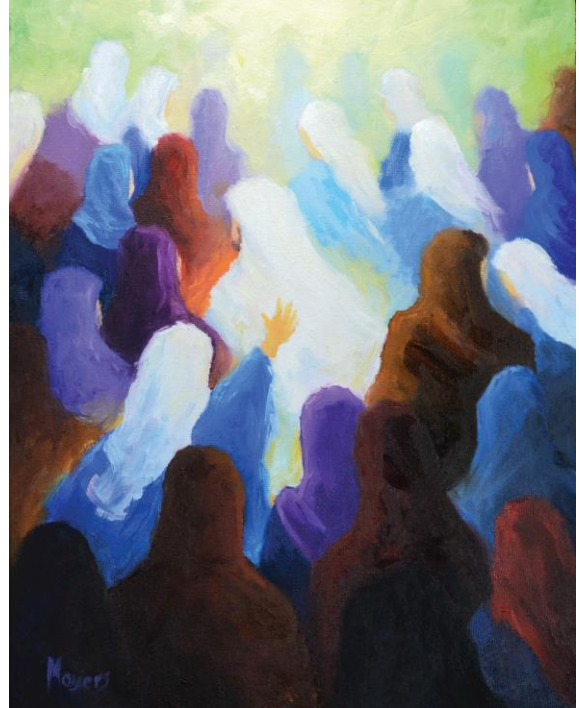
Jesus, be the center.
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Refrain
Be the fire in my heart.
Be the wind in these sails.
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision.
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

(Sing refrain.)

Jesus, be the center.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.



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 (mark envelope - Attn: Asst. Treasurer) 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

Today we will have our **Monthly Meeting for Business** following service at 1:15PM.

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.

FUM Webinar on Planned Giving- Join FUM Director of North American Ministries Colin Saxton and other Friends for a time of insight, inspiration, and practical sharing as we consider how to faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to our care and use. **Thursday, February 25, 3:00–4:30 p.m. (Eastern). Please register by February 22:** <https://friendsunitedmeeting.rsvpify.com>
More information can be found here: <http://bit.ly/FUMplanning>

The PECSC Committee will meet on Zoom at 1pm on Sunday, February 28, 2021.

PECSC Committee Meeting:

When Sun Feb 28, 2021 1pm – 2:30pm Pacific Time - Los Angeles

Where <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89770892170?pwd=SkF3VXVveGZuOGlpRVVFWDI6ZWNVZz09> (map)

Who • bfctrustees@gmail.com - organizer

Berkeley Friends Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Intergenerational Worship on Sunday March 14 at 11:00. Join us for a special time designed for everyone to engage and worship together. We will have singing, activities and a shortened sermon and time of waiting worship.

Section of the Americas Section Meetings - March 12-21, 2021 - The Section Meeting is the biggest conference organized by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. It is held every two years. All Friends are welcome to attend! Normally we meet in person, but this year that is not

possible, so we will recreate as much of the experience as we can online. The schedule includes opportunities for worship, workshops, business sessions, and small group activities. It is a great opportunity to get to know and connect with more Friends from North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean and to learn more about the Friends World Committee! [Click here for more information.](#)

Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 8:00 PM. Between the highs of Palm Sunday and Easter, we will focus together on the dark, despairing parts of the story of Jesus. Together we will sing, hear the accounts of the night Jesus was betrayed and crucified and spend time in open worship.

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 February 21, 2021

- We **thank you for your faithfulness.** You remember your promises to us and are always with us. Your steadfastness is our strong fortress.
- 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, and Joe Bell.**
- We pray for all **those who are sick with Covid.** May they get the care they need. May their symptoms be mild and pass quickly. Protect all those whose work makes them risk infection- doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, bus drivers, grocery store workers and daycare workers. Help us to come together as a community with each of us doing our part to slow and stop the infection of others.
- We pray for **Joe Bell.** As he transitions from his daughter's home to a care facility may he be comfortable and strengthened. Be with him, his family and all who care for him.
- We are grateful that **more and more of us are able to get our vaccines.** We rejoice that Francis' teachers were able to get theirs this week. May all those who are eligible now be able to schedule their vaccines easily. Make the distribution process move more smoothly and quickly.
- We ask for help for **those in Texas who are struggling without electricity, water and heat** in the midst of winter storms. May there be enough warming shelters and supplies distributed to all who need them. Particularly protect the most vulnerable- the elderly, the young and the poor.
- We pray for **April** as she continues to struggle with her neighbors. May the harassment stop. Protect April and give her a sense of peace and safety.
- When we struggle to believe that we are lovable, may you **remind us that you know us fully and completely and have always loved us.** May we rest in your unending and unconditional care for us. We do not earn it and cannot lose it.

- So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, **help us to remember that Christ is with us**, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you.



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