



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
February 7, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus!

Ruler of all nature!

O Thou of God and man the Son!

Thee will I cherish,

Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown!

Fair are the meadows

Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer,

Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

Beautiful Savior!

Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

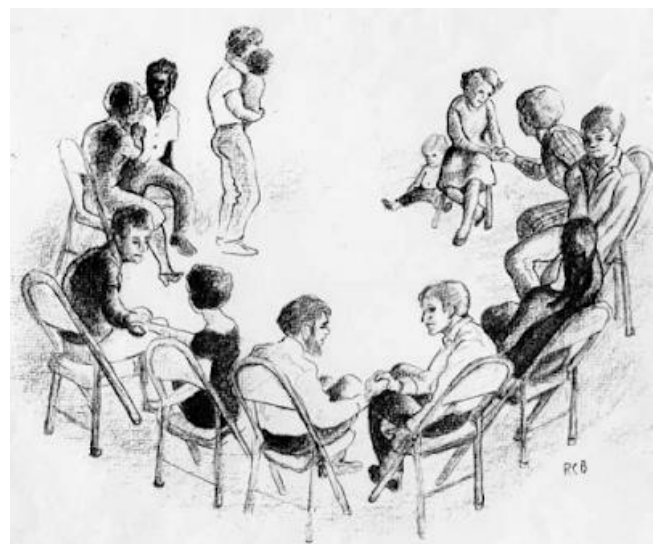
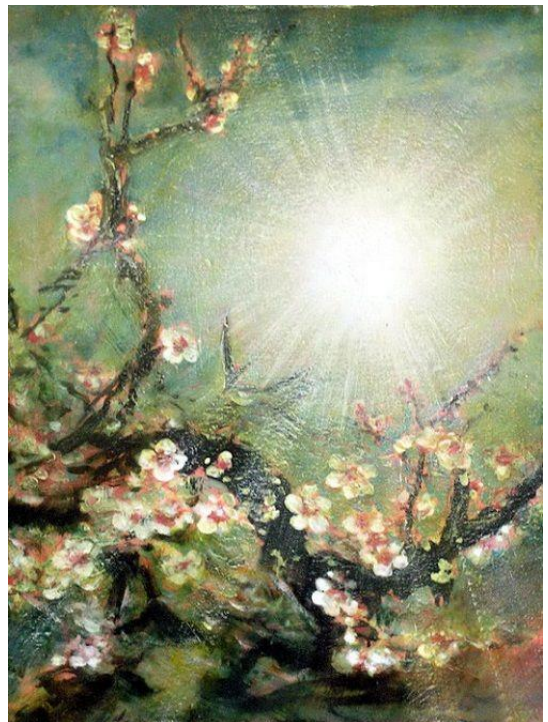
Glory and honor,

Praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be Thine.

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - I Corinthians 14:26-33



Worship Sharing

Hymn - I Sing For You

I sing for you
I sing for what is holy and is true
I sing for all creation, for life and liberation
Every day anew
[x4]

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 - Comfort, Comfort, You My People

Comfort, comfort you my people;
Tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover,
And their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits God's holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.



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

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.

Today, February 7 at 11:00 AM, we will be having Sharing Sunday. Please share a short 2-4 minute message that has encouraged, challenged or spoke to you recently. Can be a piece of scripture, a song, a prayer or a reflection you write yourself. Whatever you'd like. In place of a sermon, anyone who would like to will have time to share before open worship.

Sunday February 14 at 11:00 AM- God Is Love Intergenerational Worship- Instead of our usual order of service we will be creating a space accessible to all ages, attention spans and places on our spiritual journeys. Join us in song, prayer, brief waiting worship and activities that explore God's love for us.

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.](#)

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 7, 2021

- **We thank you look into our hearts and forgive our wayward spirits.** We thank you that you have touched our hearts and offered your healing and forgiving love.

- 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 pray for **Joe Bell** as he moves to Bishop Care Center, a long term care facility in Bishop, CA. May being close to his daughter be a comfort to them both. Keep him safe and healthy. May he gain back strength in his legs.
- We pray for **Veneita Porter** as she recovers from a fall. We rejoice that she is now home. Keep her safe and help her heal. Give her the strength she needs to take care of her pets that mean so much to her.
- We ask for healing and strength for **Covid "long haulers"** who continue to have symptoms long after their illness. Clean their brains. Give them stamina. May they sleep well and have clear lungs. Protect their hearts.
- We pray that **Donna Bales** can quickly get a Covid vaccine so that she might have the breast cancer surgery she needs. Help Kansas to change their policies so that those with medical needs can get the vaccine faster. More the process quickly so that everyone who needs one desperately can quickly get a shot.
- **Remind us again that we need to be people of hope and compassion** in this world which seems so dark. You, O God , open the doors of blessings. You reveal to us the many ways in which Jesus reached out to others at their time of need. Inspire our hearts and lift our spirits.



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