

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



**Presider - Faith Kelley** 

Meditation

**Prayer** 

Hymn - Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord Take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation. And renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

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**Praises & Petitions** 

Scripture - Jeremiah 31:31-34

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## **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 - There Is A Balm In Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my works in vain But then the holy spirit Revives my soul again

(Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter If you cannot pray like Paul You can tell the love of Jesus And say He died for all

(Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged For Jesus is your friend And if you lack for knowledge He'll n'er refuse to lend

(Refrain)





### 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**

Today, we will be having our Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 PM.

**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.

### **PECSC Committee Meeitng**

When Sun Mar 28, 2021 1pm – 3pm Pacific Time - Los Angeles

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Who • bfctrustees@gmail.com - organizer

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

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### 2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk:

The 2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk will be a seven day virtual walk. The kick-off will be on Sunday May 2nd and the walk will last until Saturday, May 8th. All funds raised will go to Church World Service (or partner organization if you wish), Berkeley Food Pantry, Youth Spirit Artworks, and Dorothy Day House of Berkeley. Please join the virtual walk or donate to a walker by visiting CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley Quakers. Please also follow us on Facebook: CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley CA and Instagram: Berkeley CROP Walk

**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.

Follow the Life in Prayer and Spiritual Practice, April 3, 17, May 8th: The heart of Quaker life is inward prayer and awareness of the Life within and between us. An online mini-course explores spiritual awareness through varied prayer styles and tools with the Way of the Spirit, a Quaker program for prayer and learning. Quaker guest speakers share experiences. Small group, highly participatory program: <a href="https://goodnewsassoc.org/spirit/">https://goodnewsassoc.org/spirit/</a>

Joe Bell's memorial service will be held at the meeting house on Sat., April 24. More information to follow.

**Happy Hour Hangout on Friday April 30 at 8:00 PM.** Come, chat and catch up with folks from BFC. No agenda. Just a time to talk and socialize on Zoom.

**Virtual Singalong Concert**- You are invited to take part in a virtual singalong concert as a benefit for <u>Project Voice</u>, an immigration justice program of the American Friends Service Committee. **Repairing the Breach: Songs for the Journey Saturday, May 15 - 7:00 pm** Pacific Time. Info & tickets at: <u>riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest</u>

Registration for **Friends United Meeting's annual Stoking the Fire Retreat: Hope and Light** is open. The retreat will be **May 21–23, 2021** and held on zoom. A <u>schedule and registration</u> can be found on the FUM website.

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at <a href="mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org">pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org</a> and follow us on Facebook.

# Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church March 21, 2021

- We **thank you for the coming spring-** the beginning of budding flowers, warmer days and refreshing rain.
- 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,** and **Janice Wells.**
- 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 infectiondoctors, 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 **Quincy**, Jayne's son's mother-in-law. Bring her healing and the use of her limbs again, especially her hands. May all who care for her have the strength, energy and love they need.

- We grieve the loss of Louise's uncle, Daryl Proett, the last living sibling of her dad. Comfort his
  family. You are faithful across the generations and we thank you for the love that Louise and Daryl
  shared as family.
- We pray for a stop to violence and harassment of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Make us a
  community of safety and welcome for all. Protect those of us who now feel particularly vulnerable.
  May we as a nation confront and challenge the systems of oppression that we too often put up
  with. As followers of Jesus, may we live out love for one another.
- We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the
  ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord.
  Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the
  message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others
  through our own witness to your healing mercy.

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