



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
April 4, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praises & Petitions

Hymn - Because You Live, O Christ

Because You live, O Christ,
The garden of the world has come to flower;
The darkness of the tomb
Is flooded with Your resurrection power.

Refrain:



The stone has rolled away
And death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day,
For Jesus Christ is risen,
Is risen, is risen, is risen!

Because You live, O Christ,
The spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
Our cages of despair
No longer keep us closed and life-denying.
[Refrain]

Because You live, O Christ,
The rainbow of Your peace will span creation;
The colors of Your love
Will draw all humankind to adoration.
[Refrain]



Scripture - John 20:1-18

Message - “God For Us” - Faith Kelley

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 - Low In The Grave He Lay

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!



(Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

(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 (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.

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](#)

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: <https://goodnewsassoc.org/spirit/>

Citizens Climate Lobby is, once again, hosting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. This year's online program features films about frontline communities fighting for environmental justice and restoration and will be held on **Earth Day, April 22, at 7 PM.** One of the films being show is "In the Land of My Ancestors". In addition, attendees will receive a bonus session of on-demand access to "Wildlife at the Edge" featuring

the full-length, award-winning film, "Entangled", as well as several other films about endangered wildlife, from pangolins to snow leopards. You can see information on all twenty of the films for the festival go to tinyurl.com/wsffca21. \$5/discount code: CCLALA. **All of the films will be available for streaming from April 23- April 27.**

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.

The Future of Worship: Hybrid, Online, & In Person- A conversation among Western Quaker Meetings on May 7th to 9th, 2021. Quaker Center & Western Friend are inviting representatives from western Quaker meetings and other Friends for an online gathering to explore 'ways that are opening' for Quakers to worship together as and after pandemic restrictions are lifted. [Registration here.](#)

Virtual Singalong Concert- You are invited to take part in a virtual singalong concert as a benefit for [Project Voice](#), 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: riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest

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 [schedule and registration](#) can be found on the FUM website.

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 March 28, 2021

- We **thank you for your resurrection power in our lives.** That when we think that all is cold and dead, you bring renewal and new life.
- 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: 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 infection- doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, bus drivers, grocery store workers and daycare workers. Help everyone who wants to get vaccinated quickly. May those of us waiting our turn be patient. Help us all to continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus.

- We grieve the death of Kenyan Quaker leaders **Gladys Kamonya and David Zarembka** to Covid-19. Comfort their families and communities. May we all continue their work of nurture, peace-making and faithfully following you.
- We pray for **Donna Bales** as she has breast cancer surgery this week. May her surgery go smoothly with no complications. Help the doctors manage her pain effectively as she recovers.
- We continue to pray for **Quincy**, Jayne Nichol's son's mother-in-law. May the specialists at Stanford be able to create a good plan of care for her. Give them wisdom. Help her family to get the support they need in caring for Quincy.
- We pray for **Ingrid Stephan**, an attender at Strawberry Creek Meeting, as she has a biopsy for breast cancer this week. We thank you for her help and support of the pantry over the years. May the knowledge gained by this procedure be positive and give her a clear way forward.
- **Let the light of your love flood into our lives** and through us to all those who have been captured by darkness, that the light may give them healing, freedom and hope. As we witness the surprise of the women at the tomb, the appearance of the Savior to Mary, and her good news brought to the disciples, let us remember that this good news exists for us today. Darkness does not win. Death is not victorious. Christ is Risen, for us, for you and for me. We are raised with Christ to a new life of hope and service. Let the joy of this good news swirl around in our hearts. Let excitement for service and ministry burst forth from us. Let us truly be the "Easter People" that you have called us to be.

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