



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**May 16, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider - Faith Kelley**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - O For A Heart To Praise My God**

Oh, for a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free,  
A heart that always feels they love  
So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
My dear Redeemer's throne;  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where God reigns alone.

A heart in every thought renewed,  
And filled with love divine;  
Perfect and right, and pure and good,  
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
Come quickly from above;  
Write Thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new name of Love.



**Praises & Petitions**

**Musical Offering - Vivaldi – Largo, Concerto in D Major**

**A Moment of Remembrance - on the Life of Sally Laidlaw-Willams on the occasion of her birthday**

**Scripture - Ephesians 1:15-23**

**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.

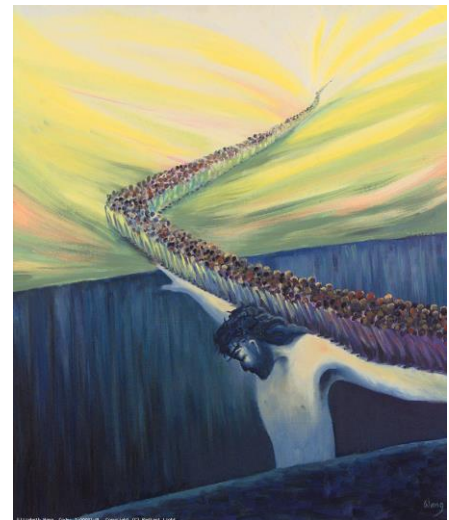
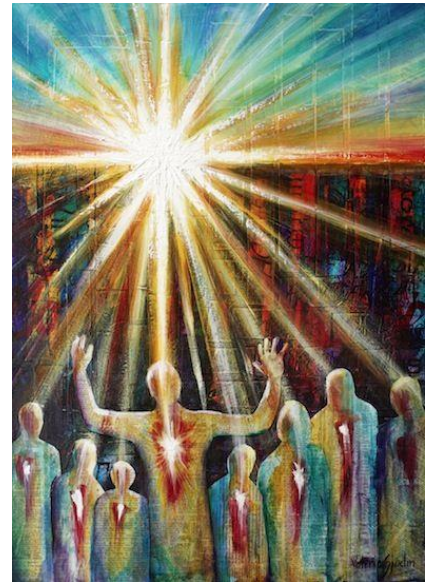
Chorus:

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.



### **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

**Sermon by Phone** - Listen to the sermon each week on the website or our sermon by phone service. To listen to the sermon on your phone, **call 510-201-9143** at any time to hear each week's message. New sermons are uploaded on Sunday afternoons.

**Today, May 16**, 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.

**On Tuesday June 1 at 7:30 pm Bible Study will be starting a discussion of the book Jesus and Nonviolence by Walter Wink.** In this book Wink argues that Christian tradition of nonviolence is needed as an alternative to the dominant and death-dealing powers of our consumerist culture and fractured world. While you can join Bible Study any time, the start of a new book is a great time to start attending.

**Barclay Press** and **Pendle Hill** are collaborating on the *Illuminate* Summer Speaker Series, 2nd and 4th Mondays, June 14 to August 23, 7:30-9 p.m. ET via Zoom. Join us for a series of evening discussions with authors of the Barclay Press *Illuminate* Friends Bible study summer curriculum on Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. [Click here for more information.](#)

**We are "Seeking Peace Around the World!"** Each summer at First Friends Church in Whittier, California we organize **Peace Camp for the children (1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade)** of our Meeting and also invite friends from our community. This summer we are hoping to broaden our scope to include Quaker Friends from around the world.

**Because of the pandemic, our camp will gather virtually** so this provides us with an opportunity that we've never had before. We hope to inspire children near and far to join us for a week of sharing and fun! Ideas for connecting with others are just in the beginning stages but we decided to reach out to you and your families and inquire if you would be interested in coordinating with us in this endeavor.

**Peace Camp will take place beginning on Monday, July 19, 2021 and close on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Daily, virtual meet up will commence at 10:00 a.m. and close at 11:30 a.m. (PST). Our camp directors, myself and Candice Ryder, will be prepared with a series of activities to engage the children in reflecting, seeking and sharing peace in the world around us.

**Please consider joining with us in this journey!** If you, or someone from your Meeting is interested in attending we would love to hear from you. Your responses will help us to continue our planning and generate our invitations. If this does not seem like something your own children from your meeting would be able to take part in, perhaps you can help us with a short video sharing what Peace means to your community.

Thank you for your prompt reply,  
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Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at [pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

## Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church

### May 16, 2021

- We **thank you for the gift of your hope and the power of your Spirit are given to all who believe.** Help us grasp the enormity of your gifts, that we may receive these gifts with open hearts and celebrate them joyfully as we serve you in every aspect of our lives.
- 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, Donna Bales, Jayne's relative Quincy 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. Particularly bring support and supplies to those places in the world where the virus is running rampant. Slow the spread.
- We pray for all of us **experiencing homelessness.** Help our community to address the housing shortage effectively. Give all of us the safe shelter that we need.
- We pray for our **business meeting** today. Guide us as we seek your will. Help us to listen and trust you and each other. Give us wisdom, a clarity of purpose and a sense of call as your agents in the world.
- We ask for your help when we worry about the future or fixate on the past. **Free us to live in this moment you have given us.** Clear out the dread, anxiety, regret and fear that so easily crowds out your promise of hope and redemption. May we trust you to take care of the future so that we may be faithful followers today.
- We pray for **students, teachers and staff** at our schools as they approach the end of a very strange and stressful school year. May these last few weeks be ones full of learning, support and a recognition of all that has been accomplished this year despite difficult circumstances. May the transition to summer go smoothly.
- We pray for **peace in Israel and Gaza.** Stop the violence that has killed so many. Empower people there to work for nonviolent solutions to difficult problems. Amplify the voices calling for restraint and reconciliation. Bring about your justice and mercy.
- Precious Love, your ascended Son promised the gift of holy power. **Send your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,** that in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing songs of joy with the peoples of earth to the One who makes us one body.



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