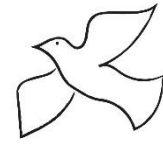




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
May 30, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Jayne Nichols

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Our Father Who Art in Heaven

English translation of German text by Martin Luther,
First published 1539 in Leipzig in the Schumann Gesangbuch
(**Bold** text indicates the first beat of each line when sung in 4/4)



1. Our **F**ather Who in heaven art
Calls on all to do their part,
To **l**ive as one, and on God call;
And **w**ould have prayers come from us all
Mind **t**hat the mouth alone not pray,
Engage the heart to lead the way.

2. **H**allowed be Thy name, O Lord;
And **h**elp us pure to keep Thy word.
Toward thy Name we ever strive,
So **t**hat we may lead holy lives.
Defend us, Lord, from lying lore;
And **p**oor misguided folk restore.

3. Thy **k**ingdom come now here below,
As in in Thy high abode.
The **H**oly Ghost His temple build
With**i**n us with Thy graces filled.
The **d**evil's wrath and malice strong,
Crush!, that he **d**o Thy **C**hurch no **w**rong.

4. Thy **w**ill be done the same on earth
As **h**igh on the angelic berth.
In **p**ain give patience for relief,
Obedience in love and grief.
Our **f**lesh and blood help us restrain
So **t**hat our lives less sin would stain.

5. Give **u**s this day our daily bread,
And **a**ll that keeps our spirit fed.
From **s**trife and war, Lord, keep us free,

From **s**ickness and from scarcity;
That **w**e in solid peace may rest,
Safe from greed and baneful pest.

6. **F**orgive us, Lord, from all our debts
That **t**hey may us no more distress.
Just **a**s our debtors we will free
That **t**hey also relief would see.
In **s**ervice send us eagerly
With **p**roper love and unity.

7. **I**nto temptation lead us not,
When **l**ust and anger get us hot.
Upon the left and our right hand.
Help us strongly to withstand,
Gu**i**de us **b**y your Holy Ghost
And **a**rm our faith for Satan's host.

8. And **d**eliver us from **e**-vil;
Our **t**ime, these days, do mock God's will
Deliver us from lasting death,
And **c**omfort us in our last breath.
Grant to us, Lord, a blessed end.
Then **t**ake our souls into Thy hands,

9. **A**men! That **i**s, "it **w**ill be **t**ru**e**!"
Ever bold our faith imbue,
That **w**e may never be in doubt
Of **w**hat we here have prayed about.
We **t**rust Thy Word and on Thy Name,
And **s**o, we say Amen again.

Praises & Petitions

**Scripture - Acts 10:39-41, Galatians 3:10-14,
1 Peter 2:23-25, Luke 9:23-24, John 3:14-15**



Acts 10: ³⁹ [Peter:] We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Gal 3:¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law." ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for "The one who is righteous will live by faith."^[b]¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, "Whoever does the works of the law^[c] will live by them." ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"—¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1Pet 2: ²³ When [Jesus] was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ [Jesus] himself *carried up our sins in his body to the tree,*^[h] so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds^[i] you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. [Emphasis added to indicate alternate translation offered in NRSV footnote #H.]

Lk 9: ²³ Then [Jesus] said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

John 3:¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[j]

Message - “The Cross: Its History and Significance” Keith Barton

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 - Wacht Auf, or “A Mirror Of Joy”

English Translation:

“Wake up now,” a voice is calling
From watchmen high upon the battlement,
“Wake up the city, Jerusalem!”

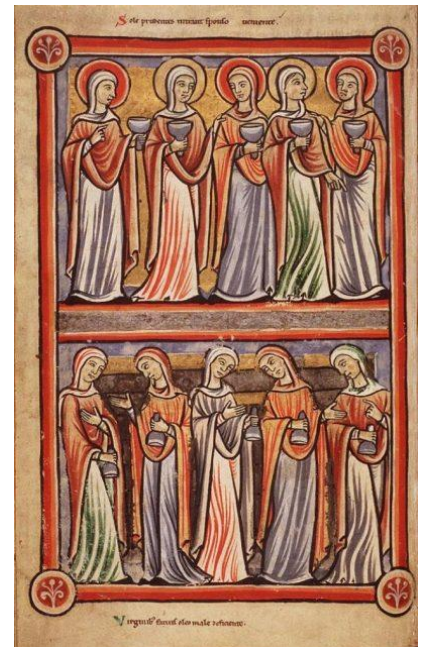


The hour is just past midnight
 When they call with strong and clear voices:
 “Where are you, wise virgins?
 “Get up, the bridegroom comes,
 “Stand up, lift high your lamps!
 “Hallelujah!
 “And now prepare for the wedding feast.
 “You must go now to greet him there.”



A virgin hears the watchmen singing.
 Her heart leaps up for joy now springing.
 She wakens now and rises in haste.
 Her Friend from heaven is coming
 Strong in Mercy, mighty in truth.
 Her lamp is bright, as stars arise.
 The bridegroom wears a crown.[Now come thou worthy crown]
 Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.
 Hosiana.
 We follow all
 To the banquet hall
 And share there in the evening meal.

May Gloria be sung to you
 with the tongues of men and angels, harps and bells.
 With trumpet, cymbals, pipe and voice.
 The gates are made from 12 pearls,
 Inside these gates the angels gather
 And [we] sing on high a-round your throne.
 No one has ever seen
 Nor ear has ever heard
 Such a joy complete.
 So we rejoice
 lo, io.
 Evermore in jubilo.



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.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. 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.](#)

A memorial service for Joyce Kumao will be held on **Saturday June 26 at 2:30 PM** at the meeting house. All are invited to attend. More details to come.

We are "Seeking Peace Around the World!" Each summer at First Friends Church in Whittier, California we organize **Peace Camp for the children (1st to 8th 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 this summer.**

Peace Camp will take place beginning on Monday, July 19, 2021 and close on Friday, July 23rd. 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.

Thank you for your prompt reply, Cassie Caringella cassie.wfs@gmail.com and Candice Ryder cryder55@hotmail.com

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

May 30, 2021

- We **thank you for your unending, unconditional love.** Whether we feel lovable or not. Whether we recognize it or not. Whether we love you back or not. Your love continues for us and for all of creation.
- 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 thank you that **Quincy**, Jayne's son's mother-in-law has a firmer diagnosis from her doctors. We are grateful that she is more mobile and that she is recovering some abilities. Continue to heal her. May she continue to grow stronger. Give the doctors and her caregivers wisdom.
- We pray for **our planet.** We grieve the fact that the creation you have made continues to be destroyed and devalued by us. Show us a new way forward. May we take seriously your commandment to be good stewards of the earth.
- We ask for a good summer for **students, teachers and parents** as school years come to an end. Help them to get rest and recreation this summer. May families enjoy their time together.
- We pray for an **end to the ceaseless gun violence in our country.** We remember and mourn the victims- both of mass shootings like the one in San Jose this week and the less well known tragedies that happen every day. May we wake up from our collective complacency.
- **Calm our fears and heal our spirits.** Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you.

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