



## Intergenerational Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

May 9, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



**Presider - Louise Neal**

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

**Song - God's Love Is For Everybody**

God's love is for ev'rybody, ev'ryone around the world,  
Me and you and all God's children  
From across the street to around the world,  
Across the street to around the world.



**Bible Reading - 1 John 5:1-6**

**Bible Project Compassion Video**

**Reflection:** *Do you have a story of someone showing compassion to you or others?*

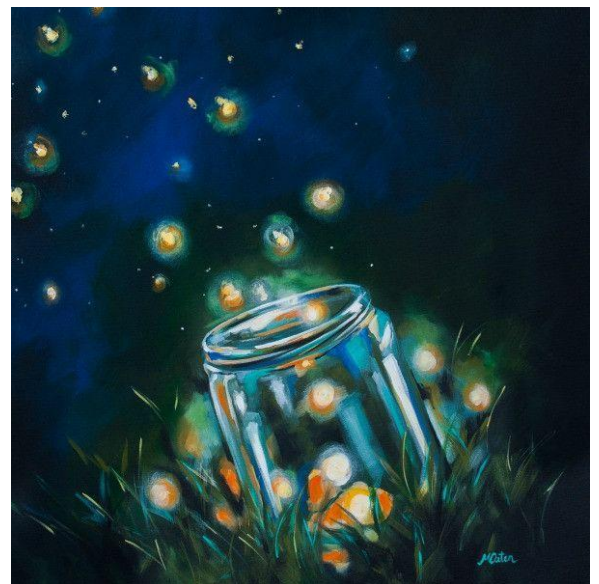
**Song - God Is Like A Flashlight**

God is like a flashlight, shining in the dark.  
God is like a mama, giving me a hug.  
God is like a daddy, saying welcome home.  
God is like a best friend, calling me by name.  
God is like a loaf of bread, shared the world around.  
God is like a flashlight, shining in the dark.

**Message - "Children of God" - Micah Bales**

**Song - Spirit Of God**

Spirit of God, grow in us  
that we may learn to love like Jesus  
Spirit of God, go with us  
that we may share the Love that frees us.



## 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.*

## Praises & Petitions

### Song - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

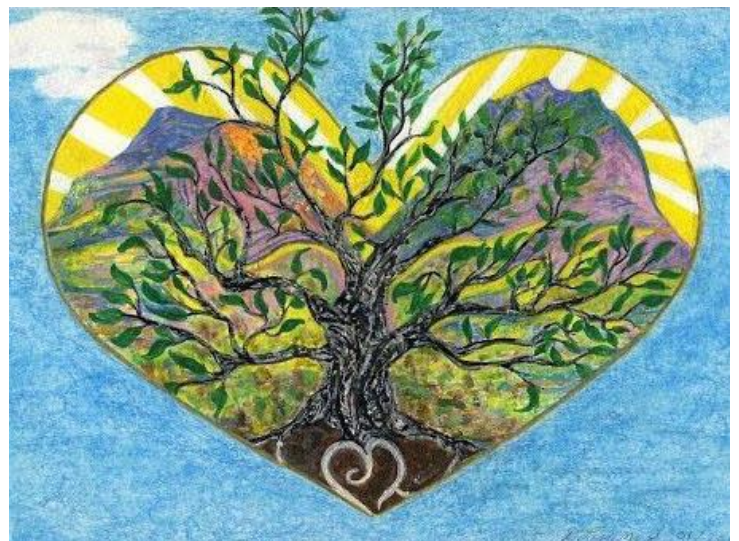
All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and agnells sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

## Parting Words



## **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. 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.

**Today, May 9, 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.

**Next Sunday, May 16,** we will have our **Monthly Meeting for Business** following service at 1:15PM.

**May 16:** A moment of meditation on the Life of **Sally Laidlaw-Williams** on the occasion of her birthday  
Vivaldi - Largo, Concerto in D Major

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.

**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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and Candice Ryder [cryder55@hotmail.com](mailto:cryder55@hotmail.com)

**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](https://riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest)

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 9, 2021**

- We **thank you for your compassion.** No matter what, you are there to comfort and love us. You nurture us. You take joy in our unique creation. You long for the best for us. For all this, we are grateful to you.
- 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 the **mothers** in our lives today. Thank you for the love we received from them. May they too feel loved and valued. For those for whom today is hard- because of grief, disappointment



or broken relationships- we pray. We turn to you, our heavenly mother, for comfort and compassion.

- We ask that you be with **Donna Bales** as she heads to the Mayo Clinic this week for medical treatment and a second opinion about treatment options for her cancer. May the trip go smoothly. May she and Bill have the energy they need for long days of appointments. May she get good care and helpful information.
- Give us **wisdom as a community as we begin to plan for a return to in person worship**. Give us a sense of your call on us and the role we are supposed to serve in our city as we try to balance the space needs of the church, the pantry and the preschool. Make clear how we should move forward and give us ears to listen to you and to each other.
- May we not grow weary of living our lives according to the example of your child, Jesus. Loving one another is a great challenge and a high calling. We do not want to fail our friend and brother. **Pour out upon us your Spirit** who reminds us that we bear Jesus' love and life within our very being—a powerful gift for our world. Out of this gift, may we bear the fruit of love.

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