

# Worship at Berkeley Friends Church June 20, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



#### **Presider - Faith Kelley**

Meditation

**Prayer** 

## Hymn - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

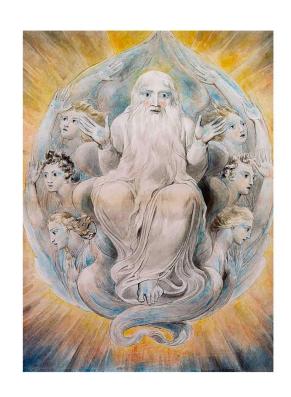
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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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## **Open Worship**

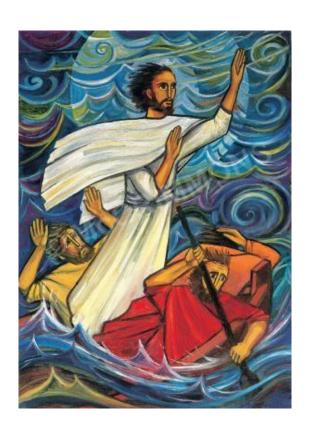
Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it: Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.

#### Hymn - Be Still My Soul

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on When we shall be forever with the Lord When disappointment, grief and fear are gone Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last



#### 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.

**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. We are discussing 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.

New resource! The **Quaker Parenting Initiative** is dedicated to helping parents find direction and spiritual meaning in their journey with their children, as they love and live with them while seeking how to nurture and guide them. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

**Friends Committee on National Legislation's** June Change Maker's event will focus on **"Talking Through Political Disagreement: Is It Even Worth It?"** Join them **June 23 at 3:30 PM Pacific on Zoom.** RSVP on their website. The speakers, Karen Tibbals and Val Liveoak, will draw on theoretical, strategic, and spiritual frameworks from Quaker tradition. They will showcase new skills for communicating across political divides, seeing that of God in people we disagree with, and building relationships to make change in Congress and in our communities. FCNL's Bobby Trice will moderate the conversation.

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. As we are gathering inside together, we request that all in attendance wear masks.

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.

Friend United Meeting's next International Prayer Gathering will be July 9 at 9:00 AM Pacific on Zoom. Gather as a global Quaker community, to hear the voices of Friends, and pray together. Access Information: <a href="https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81401601535">https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81401601535</a> Or call: 929-205-6099. Enter Meeting ID: 814 0160 1535

The Friends Committee on National Legislation seeks a Spirit-led, seasoned, and strategic Quaker leader who brings vision, inspiration, and executive experience to lead the biggest faith-based lobbying organization in Washington, DC. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.fcnl.org/gssearch">www.fcnl.org/gssearch</a>. Applications and nominations may be emailed to <a href="mailto:gssearch@fcnl.org">gssearch@fcnl.org</a>.

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 June 20, 2021

- We thank you for your power and might in our lives. Nothing we experience is too big for you. You
  brought order out of chaos. You created the waters and the land. You bring us peace in the midst
  of our fear.
- 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 around the world. May the vaccine be distributed more quickly and equitably. Gives us wisdom and patience as we in this area begin to release some of the restrictions that have protected us for the last year. Soothe any anxiety we might feel as we figure out what protecting each other looks like in the summer and fall.
- We pray for our community as we discern your will for us returning to in person worship and balancing different space needs. Give us wisdom, listening hearts and tenderness for each other. Help us through the process of coming into your unity.
- We offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise for your hearing the cries of the oppressed. Bless
  your name for giving us the victory and freedom over slavery. We in gratitude unite all of our
  hearts to reflect on your liberation. As we enter this Juneteenth holiday celebration let us
  remember all of those who came before us who longed to see this day come. Let us sing songs of
  joy and celebration.
- We ask for shelter for those of us who are experiencing homelessness or are underhoused. May
  we as a community prioritize finding everyone a safe, clean home. Show us how to be a society
  that takes care of each other more fully.
- God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and hate and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Help us to place our trust in you. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us.



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