



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
August 22, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation

Prayer

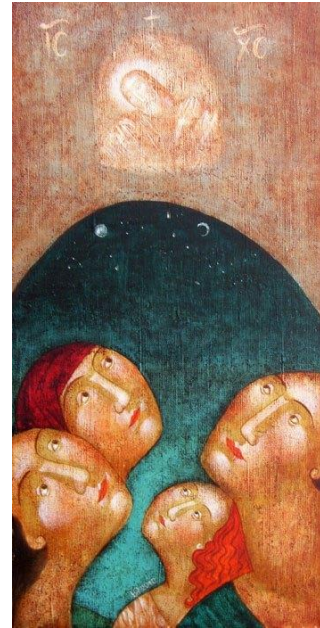
Hymn - Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus!
Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown!

Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

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 - Standing On The Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing
I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

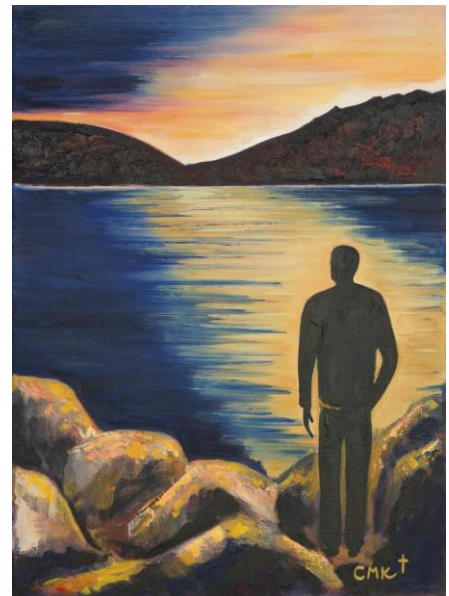
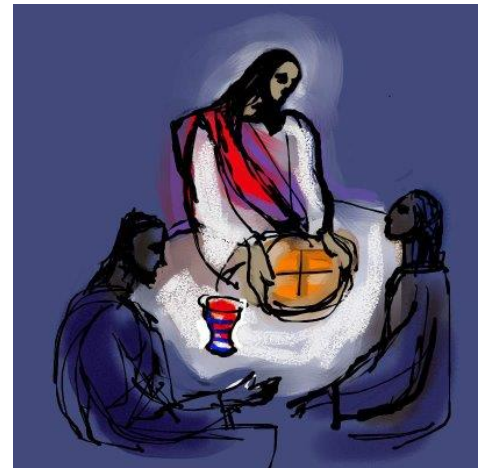
Refrain

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

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 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. 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.

PECSC Committee Meeting

When Sun Aug 22, 2021 1pm – 2:30pm Pacific Time - Los Angeles

Where <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89431347734?pwd=T2R1OEEdOTUJyc2FtNG5UclRRVGdYdz09> ([map](#))

Who • bfctrustees@gmail.com - organizer

Berkeley Friends Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Next Sunday, August 29 at 2:00PM, we will be remembering John Maurer. RSVP for in person attendance, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-meeting-for-john-maurer-registration-167504760247>, or join by zoom with this link.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85071646167?pwd=ZVJoNm9tUzZsSm03aktmUoZxNmK2QT09#success>

Registration is open for a Fall 2021 online course starting Tuesday Sept. 7th, [Exploring Spiritual Practices](#), led by Marcelle Martin, author of *Our Life is Love: the Quaker Spiritual Journey*. During the **ten week course**, participants will experiment with numerous approaches to meditation, prayer, and presence. We'll seek to know more fully the nature of consciousness, our true self, and our connection to the Spirit. We'll explore how mindfulness, awareness, and communion with the Divine affects not only our inner and outer lives, but radiates beyond us into the world. **TWO SECTIONS OF THE COURSE ARE OFFERED: Early Morning: 7:30 to 9:30 am Pacific Time (10:30 am to 12:30 pm EDT)**
Late Afternoon: 4 to 6 pm Pacific Time (7 to 9 pm EDT)

Intrigued? Go [HERE](#) to read details and register for Exploring Spiritual Practices.

Curious but not ready to commit just yet? Watch this 3-minute [introductory video](#). Or [Sign up here](#) for a free introductory webinar where you can sample the course on Sept 7th. Co-sponsored by New England Quakers in partnership with the Beacon Hill Friends House, this course is open to people of diverse faiths. 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 August 22, 2021

- We thank you that even with doubt and questions, God's love is poured on us, in us, and through us to others. We rest assured in God's presence and love for us, that God will never fail or abandon us.
- 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. Give us wisdom and peace as we begin to return to some of our before-time routines. Protect those who can't get vaccinated from infection, particularly from the Delta strain.
- We pray for **Nikki Holland**, serving Friends in Belize, as she suffers from a severe reaction to the Covid-19 vaccine she received. May she get the care she needs. Help her to rest and recover quickly.

Give the school, the church and her family the support and resources they need while she's unable to fill her usual roles.

- We pray for **Dianna Horne** as she awaits some much needed surgery. Help that to happen quickly. May the procedure go smoothly and may she heal easily.
- We ask for safety and comfort for **April**. May she feel settled in her new place. Help her get the support she needs.
- We pray for the country of **Afghanistan**, the Afghan people and all those who are trying to help family, friends and colleagues be safe. Help those who need to leave get out. Protect people from violence, repression and reprisals. Bring peace to a land that desperately needs it.
- We also ask for help for **Haiti**. May they get the humanitarian need they need in the wake of political unrest, an earthquake and a hurricane. Lord, we can see clearly how a history of colonialism, imperialism and systemic injustice have helped create the desperate situation there. Show us how we might show better love to our neighbors there.
- We continue to pray for **those who have returned or are returning to school** this month. Protect them and keep them safe. May they be able to learn and teach together in person. Give school administrators wisdom and the resources they need in this anxiety-producing school year.
- We ask for **patience and perseverance that discipleship requires**. We remember that Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different and sometimes the words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are too impatient. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others.

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