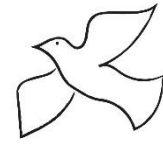




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
August 15, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Nikki Nahmens Gage

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Message - "Choosing Wisdom" - Micah Bales

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 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

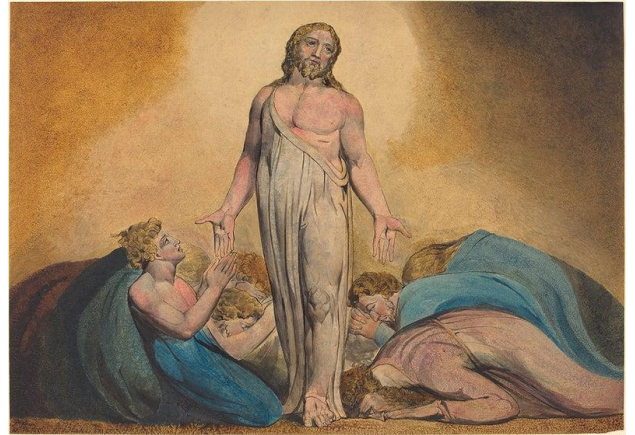
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided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

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

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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Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me



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. 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.

Today, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 pm**.

Friends United Meeting's International Prayer Gathering will meet on Zoom at 9:00 AM Pacific on Friday August 20. Join Quakers from around the world in prayer and sharing each other's concerns. Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81401601535> Or call 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 814 0160 1535

Open Worship Sunday will be August 22 (instead of the normal third Sunday of the month). Come enjoy an extended period of waiting worship as we collectively listen for God's message to us.

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.](#) 22222222

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 15, 2021

- We **thank you for being gracious and gentle to us**. Healing our souls with your love. Thank you for providing spiritual food for the hungry. Thank you for healing our hearts and feeding our souls.
- 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 **wisdom and guidance for our community** as we discern a way forward for returning to in person worship. Help us know your will. Help us to listen to each other, be patient and love each other deeply.
- We pray for those who are affected by the **wildfires** and heat across our country. Please keep them safe. Slow the spread of the flames. Keep our firefighters safe. Give them the tools they need to control the blaze. May the weather change.
- We ask for shelter for all of us who are experiencing **homelessness or are underhoused**. Please turn our communities hearts to those who are unable to have their basic need for a safe place to live met. May we be able to provide that for each other.
- **Help us to choose wisdom**. May we long above all else to use what gifts you've given us to build your kingdom. Give your servants understanding minds to discern between the good and evil surrounding us each day, that we may choose what is good and pleasing in your sight.

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