



Intergenerational Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

August 8, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Steve Sims

Welcome

Song - You Are With Me

Refrain

(sung before verse 1 and after verses 2 & 3)

When I go up, you are with me.

When I go down, you are with me.

Going left or right, you are with me.

God, you are with me, everywhere I go.

Verse 1

From morning to night, you are with me.

In sunshine or rain, you are with me.

When seasons change, you are with me.

God, you are with me, everywhere I go.

Verse 2

When I go to school, you are with me.

When I run and play, you are with me.

When I fall asleep, you are with me.

God, you are with me, everywhere I go.

Verse 3

When I go new places, you are with me.

When I try new things, you are with me.

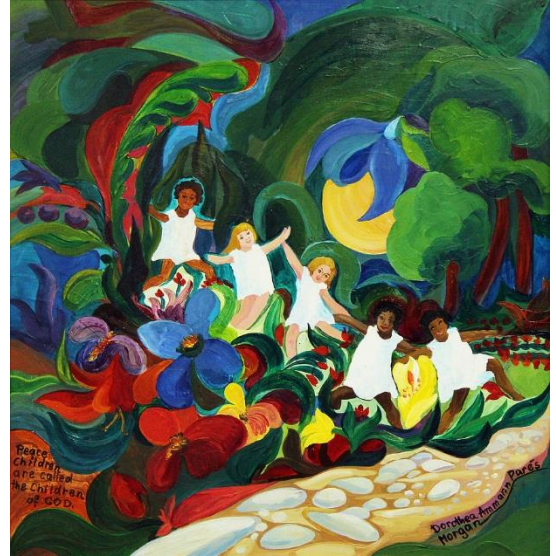
When I make new friends, you are with me.

God, you are with me, everywhere I go.

Prayer

Bible Reading - John 6:35, 41-51

Psalm 139:



Reflection – What does it feel like when you are aware of God’s presence in your life? Share about a time that you were particularly aware of God being near.

Song - You Are Near

[Chorus]

Lord, I know you are near
Standing always at my side
You guard me from the foe
And you lead me in ways everlasting

[Verse 1]

Lord, you have searched my heart
And you know when I sit and when I stand
Your hand is upon me
Protecting me from death
Keeping me from harm

[Chorus]

[Verse 2]

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there
If I fly to the sunrise
Or sail beyond the sea
Still I’d find you there

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Marvelous to me are your works
How profound are your thoughts, my Lord
Even if I could count them
They number as the stars
You would still be there

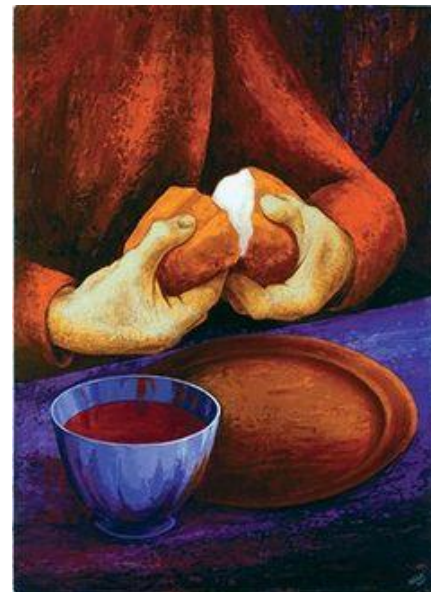
[Chorus]

Message - “I Am the Bread of Life” - Micah Bales

Song - Quiet Place

Verse 1

In this quiet place, in this quiet place,



help me be still and know
how I can give and how to forgive.
In this quiet place, in this quiet place,
help me be still and know you.

Refrain

Like Jesus in the garden,
let me be in this quiet place.
Let me see your path for me.
Let me trust in your grace.

Verse 2

In this quiet place, in this quiet place,
help me be still and know
how to be true in all I do.
In this quiet place, in this quiet place,
help me be still and know you.



Open Worship

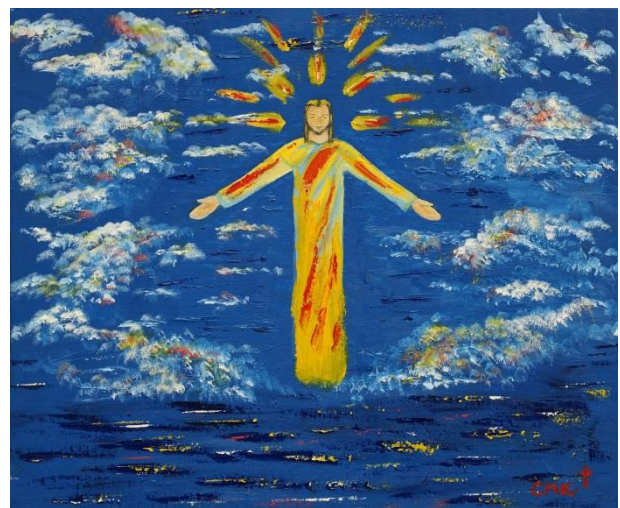
Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it: Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message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

Praises & Petitions

Song - Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart



I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
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Parting Words

Leaving Song - May God Keep You

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you.
May God be gracious,
and may God's face turn toward you
and give you peace.

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.

Next Sunday, August 15th, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 pm**.

7th Annual Interfaith Blood Drive, Tuesday August 10, 2021. Sponsored by Congregation Netivot Shalom, The Way Christian Center, Pacifica Institute, Qal'bu Maryam Women's Mosque, Berkeley Buddhist Monastery, Vedanta Society Berkeley. We need you to step up now to make this year's drive a success! And why not ask a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join you while you're at it? Be someone's hero! Netivot Shalom, 1316 University Ave, Berkeley. To schedule your appointment by phone call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-7267) or click for link to sign up.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CNS>

The **Quaker Religious Education Collaborative** is hosting an online conference, August 13-15, 2021: Integrating Lessons Learned and Leadings that Light the Way. The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education. [Click here for more information](#).

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 8, 2021

- We **thank you for your presence in our lives**. Thank you for leading, guiding and loving us wherever we are.
- 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 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 particularly pray for **the teacher at Francis' school**.
- We pray for all the **students, teachers and staff** who have returned to school or will in the coming weeks. May the school year be one of healing, learning and connection after a difficult time. Protect them from Covid infection. May they love their time in school, grow in maturity and knowledge and find a sense of community.
- We ask for healing and support for **all of us who are struggling with mental health crises**- depression, OCD, anxiety and many others. May everyone get treatment that addresses their needs. May we support one another in our walks through dark places that we might see your light even in the midst of our illness.
- We long for **justice** in this world. Help us to see the ways you would create a more equitable, fair and inclusive community among us. Give us grace and wisdom as we seek to be a part of your kingdom work.
- In the midst of our busy lives from the hubbub of our work and play from the hue and cry of the world around us, we long to be more aware of your presence. May we become more aware of your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us. May as we, as we need to, settle into silence, laying aside our worries and our cares, to become aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us.



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