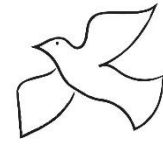




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
September 19, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Brethren We have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

See them gather all around you,
Those He bought at such a cost;
See the weary see them hurting,
See the lonely, see the lost.

Be His hand, and touch the needy;
Be His gospel, let it sound!
Be His body and sweet manna
Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.

Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

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 - We Are One In The Spirit

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the News
that God is in our land.

Chorus

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.

Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus



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.

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

Bible Study: On September 14 and 21 the group will be watching and discussing the film "The Race to Save the World." This movie tells of the stories of regular person who are devoting their lives to fighting climate chaos. Bible Study will also be **canceled on September 28.** On October 5, it will pick up again discussing the book "A Quaker Prayer Life" by David Johnson."

Quaker Peace Advocacy- September 29 3:30 - 4:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time | ONLINE

Twenty years after the shock and grief of Sept. 11, 2001, its legacy lives on in U.S. policies of perpetual warfare. U.S. presidents continue to use the military force authorizations passed to enable war in Afghanistan and Iraq to justify military action across the globe. This summer, the sustained efforts of FCNL's lobbyists in Washington and our Advocacy Teams around the country helped Congress move closer than ever to repeal of the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force (2002 Iraq AUMF). In this event, we'll talk with advocates Pamela Minden and Luke Mayhew who have been part of this persistent, faithful grassroots movement for peace. [Click here for more information.](#)

Sunday October 3 is World Quaker Day! For this Friends World Committee on Consultation event, the theme this year Resilience and Hope: drawing strength from our Quaker faith. That Sunday John Burdick will be preaching and we will have a special focus on Quakerism.

The Renovare Book Club has selected the **Journal of John Woolman** as one of their books for this next session starting **Oct. 4.** Former Quaker Heritage Day speaker Jon Kershner will be facilitating the discussion of that book. Discussion are online live and through chat. Membership costs \$40 without the books. [Find more information here.](#)

Saturday October 18, 10:00-11:30am- BFC Park Get Together at Strawberry Creek Park in picnic area, 1260 Allston Way, between Bancroft Way and Addison St at West St. Enjoy each other in person, the creek and playground. Bring some brunch to munch on.

Quaker Parent Support Groups, sponsored by New York Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Friends United Meeting, are starting again. They will run mid-November through mid-April with parents across the country meeting over Zoom to talk about what it is like to parent kids in our faith. To participate, you must **register by October 31** [here](#).

Robert Wafula, principal of Friends Theological College in Kenya since 2014, is in need of significantly more financial support to continue his leadership of this important Quaker educational institution. Friends United Meeting is working to raise \$2500 more a month in support from Friends across the world. **One time or recurring gifts can be made on [FUM's website](#).**

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 September 19, 2021

- We **thank you for reaching out to us in healing love and compassion**. We are grateful to receive the blessings which you offer to us. Because of you, we are healed and made whole.
- 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, Veneita Porter, Donna Bales, Jayne's relative Quincy, Dianna Horne 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 those places that are currently overwhelmed by another surge. Help the medical personnel there and may the surge pass quickly as people take measures to protect themselves and others.
- We thank you that **Faith K's cousin Ben** has received a diagnosis for his mysterious illness. We praise you that it is treatable even though it will be chronic. We are thankful that it is not ALS. Please allow the treatment to work and for him to get the support he needs throughout this time.
- We pray for **Veneita Porter** as she continues to deal with ill health and be in and out of the hospital. Give her strength to walk. Give the doctors wisdom to diagnose and treat what is wrong. May she get the care and support she needs.
- We pray for **our planet**, a gift that we so often exploit and misuse. Give us the wisdom we need to be good caretakers. May we be brave and committed enough to change the ways we live that we might tread more lightly on the land.
- We ask for help and strength for all **those who are caretakers of loved ones**. It is a difficult role to fill and one that is often undervalued. Give them the support they need in order to provide the care their loved one needs. May they have rest and respite when they need it.

- We live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. **Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.**

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