



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**September 5, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider - Steve Sims**

**Meditation**

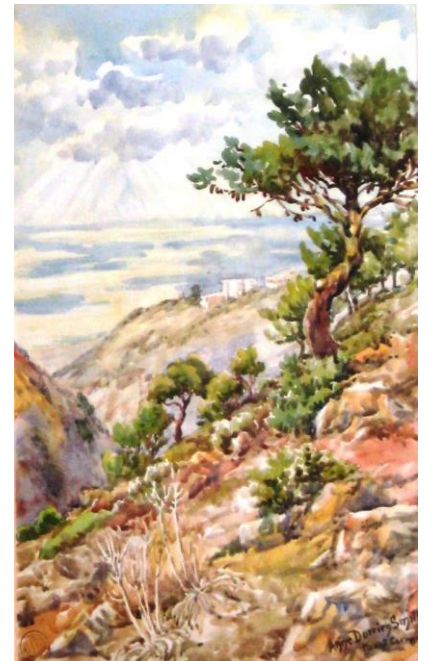
**Prayer**

**Hymn - Canticle Of The Turning**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the  
God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the  
Wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
Fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my  
Weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
Name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the  
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!



Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the  
Depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
Very name puts the proud to shame, and to  
Those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
Strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.  
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Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the  
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!



From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a  
Stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The  
Hungry poor shall weep no more, for the  
Food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
Fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the  
Dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember  
Who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver  
Us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This  
Saving word that our forebears heard is the  
Promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be  
Crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
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### **Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture - Philippians 3:10-21**

**Message - "Seeking Christ's Glory in Troubled Times" - Adria Gulizia**

### **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 - Victory In Jesus**

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
how he gave His life on Calvary, to save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain

Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me, with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me e'er I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,  
how He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see;  
and then I cried Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,  
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory



Refrain

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how He gave his life on Calvary, to save a wretch like 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.

**No Bible Study this week on September 7.** 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."

**Social and Environmental Action Committee of Berkeley Meeting** will be hosting a presentation on Climate Crisis: Solutions and Possibilities by Dr. Mark D. Levine on **Friday, September 17th @ 7 pm** via Zoom. Dr. Levine was director of the Environmental Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) from 1996-2006, has written chapters of the IPCC climate assessment as well as the "Scenarios for a Clean Energy Future" report. For more information and the Zoom link go to <http://www.berkeleyfriendsmeeting.org/news>

**Friends United Meeting's next International Prayer Gathering will be September 17 at 9:00 AM Pacific.** Join in an hour of prayer, reflection and sharing with Friends around the world. Join on Zoom by [clicking here](#) or call 929-205-6099. Enter meeting ID 814 0160 1535.

**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.](#)

**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](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

### **Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church September 5, 2021**

- We **thank you for your invitation to participate in your resurrection**. It is so easy to be overwhelmed by death and destruction, but we recognize the life and healing you bring into our lives and offer to the whole world.
- 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 who suffer from the anxiety, ambiguity and confusion of **Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia**. Look with mercy upon their distress, confusion or isolation. Shelter them where dignity and peace abound. Grant them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help. In the face of loss of memory and control, increase their confidence in your love and strengthen their care-givers.
- We pray for those impacted by **Hurricane Ida** across the eastern part of our country. Restore power to those in Louisiana quickly. In New York, New Jersey and the surrounding areas, may the water recede quickly. We grieve with those who have lost family, homes and precious possessions in this great storm. Give them the help and support they need to recover.
- We thank you for a good start for **Micah's new position at Google** on a new team. May his transition continue to go smoothly; may his new team be a good fit. Guide him to the places and work where you would have him.
- We pray that **Robert Wafula**, principal at Friends Theological College in Kenya, would be able to raise the needed funds to continue in that ministry. We thank you for his work and leadership.

Continue to guide him and the rest of the staff at FTC as they train, empower and educate Quaker ministers there.

- We pray for the wisdom to leave behind those things that we cannot change so that we might focus on following you in what is coming. We don't want anything to hold us back from the future you have prepared for us. Help us to look around at other faithful servants of yours that we might follow their example. We long, in the midst of death, to be part of your resurrection, finding new life in following you.

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