



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



Presider - Rebecca Baier

Welcome

Song - Come to the Feast/Ven al Banquete

Ven, ven al banquete.
Ven a la fiesta de Dios.
Here the hungry find plenty,
here the thirsty shall drink.
Ven a la cena de Cristo,
come to the feast.

Vs. 1
Like the Child whose fishes and loaves fed the multitude,
in the Lord the little we have,
broken and shared, becomes abundant food.

Vs. 2
'Till the seed is given to earth, it is just one grain;
but once sown its death brings new birth,
the harvest is rich; what's lost is raised again

Prayer

Bible Reading - Mark 8:27-38

The Bible Project's Book of Mark

Reflection - Who is Jesus to you? Why do you think that?

Song - Lord, You Have Come

Lord you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise
Desiring only that I should follow

(Refrain)



Oh Lord with Your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling You have spoken my name
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at Your side I will seek other shores

Lord, see my goods my possessions,
in my boat you find no power, no wealth
Will You accept then, my nets and labor?

(Refrain)

Lord, take my hands and direct them,
help me spend myself in seeking the lost
Returning love for the love you gave me

(Refrain)

Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place of my restless heart
My life's companion, my friend and refuge



Message - "Who Do You Say That I Am?" - Micah Bales

Song - Jesus, Be The Center

Verse 1

Jesus, be the center.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Verse 2

Jesus, be the center.
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Refrain

Be the fire in my heart.
Be the wind in these sails.
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.

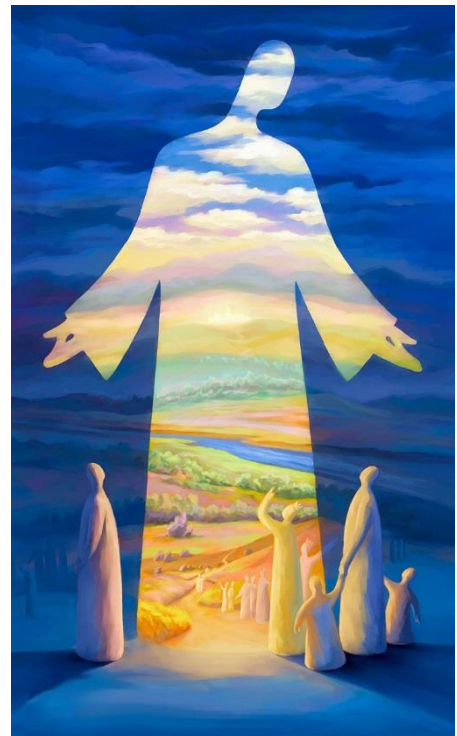
Verse 3

Jesus, be my vision.
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

(Sing refrain.)

Verse 4

Jesus, be the center.



Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Be my source, be my light, Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.

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 - Spirit Of God

Spirit of God, grow in us
that we may learn to love like Jesus.
Spirit of God, go with us
that we may share the Love that frees us.



Parting Words

Leaving Song - Lord Of The Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

[Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,



And left me there on the cross to die.

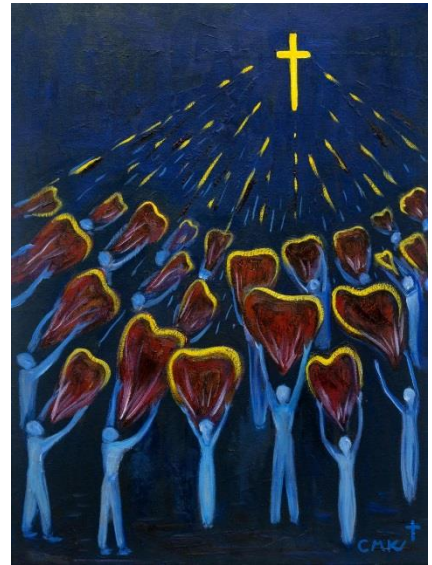
[Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance and I still go on.

[Refrain]

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

[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 (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: 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." If you would like to have a copy of the book, it can be found at [Inner Light Books](#)."

We are looking for **Kids' Sunday School teachers** for our return to in person worship. We will need a teacher for the elementary age group and the middle school and up group. You can commit to teaching one Sunday a month, for a quarter or indefinitely! We will be using the Shine materials that provide lessons, activities and crafts for the teachers to present. If interested or if you have questions, let Faith Kelley know.

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.

Life Transformation Groups - We will be starting new groups in October! The 2-4 person groups are an opportunity to support each other in spiritual development and prayer. The once a week, hour long meeting has prayer, answering confession queries and discussing the week's Bible reading. If you are interested in joining, talk to Faith or Micah.

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 and follow us on Facebook.

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church September 12, 2021

- **We thank you for opening our hearts and our spirits and teaching us to follow you.** Give us courage and strength to be your faithful disciples.

- 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 continue to pray for the **people of Afghanistan.** For those who have had to flee, we pray for a safe new home. For those who are stuck and are trying to leave, protect them and make a way. For those who are worried about family members who remain, we pray for comfort. For the whole country we pray for peace, equality and justice.
- We pray for the ministry of the **Berkeley Food Pantry,** feeding the hungry as you command us to do. Give energy, wisdom and rest to the staff and volunteers. May they have the resources they need to meet the growing need in our community.
- We ask for comfort and your healing presence for our country as we remember the **anniversary of the September 11 attacks.** So many of us experienced loss, terror and uncertainty that day. In the years since that day, the wounds have been used to justify war, oppression and hate. We pray for an end to those bad fruits and for us to instead walk the paths of peace, reconciliation and renewed hope.
- We pray for **those of us who are struggling to make ends meet.** You know that stress, uncertainty and worry that can cause. We ask for the resources each of us needs to be provided. Give us well paid work when we need it. Give us help when we need it. Give us the affordable housing we need. May we as a community care for each other in the very real, tangible ways that are needed.
- You have challenged us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love.

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