



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**October 24, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider – Louise Neal**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - There Is A Balm In Gilead**

(Chorus)

There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul

Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And deep I feel the pain  
In prayers the holy spirit  
Revives my soul again

(Chorus)

If you can't pray like Peter  
If you can't be like Paul  
Go home and tell your neighbour  
He died to save us all

(Chorus)

**Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture - Isaiah 58:6-9, Philippians 2:1-11**

**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 - How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy god, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,  
Up held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not over flow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy path way shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.  
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake! Amen.



### 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 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. We will be discussing the book "A Quaker Prayer Life" by David Johnson.

**Berkeley Friends Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: PECSC committee meeting**

Time: Oct 24, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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[Way of the Spirit](#) is offering several online opportunities for spiritual growth this fall. What helps you sort Holy guidance, your unique giftedness, and the clamor of urgent needs around us? How do you discern small ordinary actions and larger commitments? The Quaker-based Way of the Spirit program invites prayer and learning for living Spirit-led every day. Apply now for online offerings:

**Oct 13, Nov 10, etc, Monthly Reflection Group, second Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30.** Supportive, gently-guided small group processes to nurture awareness of the presence and guidance of the Spirit in your everyday life, 6-12 month commitment.

**Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4 – Tending Your Spiritual Giftedness:**

What is "yours" to do in our fractured and hurting world? It's more important than ever to discern how your unique spiritual giftedness meets the aching needs around us. Additional mini-courses in 2022 will explore obstacles to giftedness, creating a cultures of giftedness, and passing it on to children and youth.

**Western Friend Magazine** is hosting a Quaker conversation on the work in and about prisons and detention centers, specifically for Western Friends. The conversation will take place on Monday, October 25, at 6:30 PM. The link to more information and to register is [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](#).

**Friends Committee on National Legislation's** upcoming **Quaker Public Policy Institute and Annual Meeting**, to be held virtually **November 17-21, 2021**. Learn how to lobby your congress people, listen to great speakers like Vanessa Julye and celebrate Diane Randall's 10 years of leadership at FCNL. [Find out more](#) and [register here](#). Registration is pay-as-led, with no set fee, and you can join from anywhere with an Internet connection. [If you register by October 15](#), you'll receive a printed program and an FCNL hat in the mail.

**Pendle Hill's** [FRIENDS' DECISION-MAKING AND CLERKING](#) **Nov 19-21, 2021** A weekend on Zoom with **Steve Mohlke**, Friday 4:00pm through Sunday 11:00am Eastern Time. NB: Registration deadline **November 2nd!** This is an opportunity for both new and experienced clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of the presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well-grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. [Read more and register](#).

**Thanksgiving Day Worship-** Join us at the meeting house for a brief period of gathered thankfulness on **November 25 at 10:00 AM**. We will sing, pray and have open worship together as we express gratitude for all God does.

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 October 24, 2021**

- **We thank you that you are faithful across time.** That the generations that came before us experienced your presence, love and light. That the ones who live after us too have that same promise of your guidance and hope. You are always working in the lives of your people and for this we are grateful.
- 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 particularly for **Faith's uncle and aunt.**

- We pray for **Dianna Horne** as she recovers from her heart surgery. Help her to come home from the hospital quickly. Give Nicole the strength and support she needs as helps care for Dianna in her recovery.
- We ask for relief from back pain for **Sharon Braun** of St. Paul A.M.E Church and Church Women United Berkeley/Albany. May she be healed. May the steps she's taking to manage the pain be effective. May she be able to get back to doing the things she loves.
- We pray for the **Afghan family we are helping flee Afghanistan**. Please, keep them safe as they wait for the immigration paperwork to be processed. May you bring them safely to the place you want them to be. Help us to be generous in the sharing of our resources, connections and love. Bring some peace to their family here as they wait for their family members to join them.
- We thank you for the **rain and cooler weather**. We ask that as we enter the rainy season we get the precipitation we need to nourish the earth and sustain us. Make us good stewards of your creation.
- There is so much of life we simply do not know. In our arrogance, we too often utter what we do not understand. Rescue us from our afflictions. **Restore us from our self-inflicted wounds**. Have mercy on us and save us by your unending presence in our lives.



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