

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church October 3, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning Blackbird has spoken like the first bird Praise for the singing Praise for the morning Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven Like the first dew fall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight Mine is the morning Born of the One Light Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day





Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 5:8, John 1:1-4, John 14:26-27

Message - "Resilience and hope: drawing strength from our Quaker faith" - John Burdick

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 - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

[Chorus]

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

[Chorus]

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; In Him, my righteousness, alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

[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.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. On October 5, we will be discussing the book "A Quaker Prayer Life" by David Johnson.

Today 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. Today 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. <u>Find</u> more information here.

Friends United Meeting's next International Prayer Gathering is scheduled for Friday, October 15 at 9:00 AM Pacific. Join us on Zoom at: <u>https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81401601535</u>. Or call 929 205 6099 and enter meeting ID 814 0160 1535.

Saturday October 16, 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.

<u>Way of the Spirit</u> 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.

The Earlham School of Religion and Bethany Theological Seminary will co-sponsor the <u>2021 Ministry of</u> <u>Writing Colloquium</u> on October 22-23. This year's event features a performance by Quaker singersongwriter <u>Carrie Newcomer</u>, a lecture from poet-peacemaker <u>Pádraig Ó Tuama</u> and several writing workshops and "mini retreats." All events are virtual. The colloquium will ask participants to pay what they are able. Recommended fees are \$20 for a single session, or \$50 for the entire event. **Registration for all events is required on ESR's website**.

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** <u>here</u>.

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. <u>Find out</u> <u>more</u> and <u>register here</u>. Registration is pay-as-led, with no set fee, and you can join from anywhere with an Internet connection. <u>If you register by October 15</u>, you'll receive a printed program and an FCNL hat in the mail.

Pendle Hill's <u>FRIENDS' DECISION-MAKING AND CLERKING</u> 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. <u>Read more and register</u>.

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 October 3, 2021

- We **thank you for the hope and resilience you provide.** May we trust that whatever our circumstances, you are there leading us and giving us strength.
- 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 Jayne's family.
- We pray for **those affected by gun violence**. We mourn with those who mourn. We weep with those who weep. We seem to not be able to effectively, collectively address this sickness in our country. Show us how to bring healing in the midst of violence and fear.
- We ask for **rest for the weary**. So many of us feel stretched thin. Doing too much and carrying too many burdens- our own and so many others. Help us to see what is ours to do and what we should

let go of. May we trust you with the outcomes for whatever we are called to do. Give us the support that we need when it is too much to do on our own.

• We ask for wisdom and faithfulness for ourselves and our **Quaker brothers and sisters around the world**. May your spirit lead us in hope and resilience. Show us how to draw strength from our tradition without making an idol of it.

