

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church October 17, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Rebecca Baier

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine Inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Mark 10:35-45

Message – "You Do Not Know What You Are Asking" – Micah Bales

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.

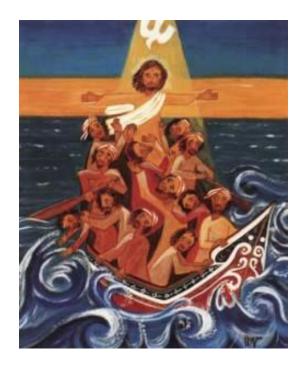
[Chorus]

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

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

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.

The Earlham School of Religion and Bethany Theological Seminary will co-sponsor the 2021 Ministry of Writing Colloquium on October 22-23. This year's event features a performance by Quaker singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer, a lecture from poet-peacemaker Pádraig Ó Tuama 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.

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. <u>Find out 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 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 and follow us on Facebook.

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church October 17, 2021

- We **thank you for the wondrous works of nature** that show your creativity and passion. May we always be aware of the beauty and complexity around us.
- 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** this week as she has heart surgery on Thursday. Please make the surgery successful. Guide the doctors' hands. May she recover quickly and get the care that she needs during that time. Give her and Nicole peace as they go through this process.
- We ask for comfort for **Brook and Andy Meakins, Dharma's former coworker and spouse**, at the stillbirth of their child, Zealand. Walk with them and their two older children through this heartbreaking grief. May their family and friends support them and be instruments of your love during this time.
- We pray for **our community** as we gather today for business meeting. Guide us in the way you would have us go. Give us wisdom to steward the things you have put in our charge. May we listen to each other and your spirit as we look to the future.

- We pray for Venita Porter as she continues to face a variety of health problems. We are grateful
 that she is home from the hospital. May she get the care she needs and have the support to live at
 home safely.
- We ask that you **remind us that the best of us will be the servants**, will be those who are willing to help and witness to others, not for their own honor but for God's honor and praise. May we bring peace, listening to others needs and wants. Shake the dust of arrogance from us and nourish us with humility and joy. Help us to be the kind of disciples that serve you faithfully.



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