



Intergenerational Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

October 10, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Nikki Nahmens Gage

Welcome

Song - Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

{Refrain}

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.

{Refrain}

Blest are they who show mercy;
Mercy shall theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God!

{Refrain}

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs.

{Refrain}



Blest are you who suffer hate;
All because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.

{Refrain}

Prayer

Bible Reading - Mark 10:17-31

Gospel of the Kingdom - The Bible Project

Reflection - What does it look like for God's Kingdom to come to Earth? What needs to be turned upside-down to look more like God's Kingdom?

Song - Great Big Love

Verse 1

He had no home to lay his head,
that baby Jesus,
just hay and manger for a bed,
that baby Jesus.
But all the angels saw clearly;
he wasn't just a little nobody
'cause he was great big love.

Refrain

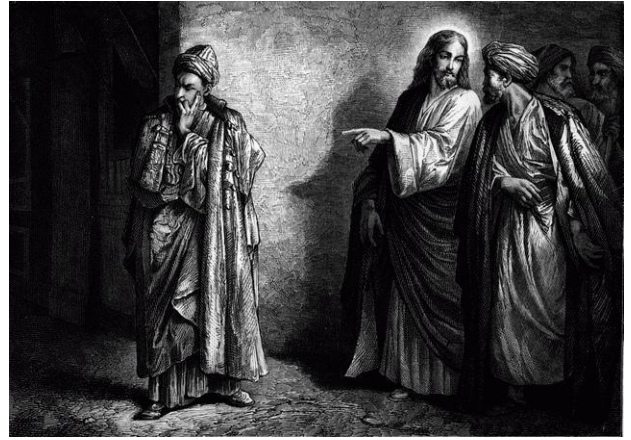
Great big love, like a candle burning bright.
Great big love, born in Bethlehem that night.
Great big love for you and me and everyone,
God's great big love.

Verse 2

She wasn't rich and powerful,
that little Mary.
Didn't have much, not much at all,
his mama Mary.
But what she had, she gave freely;
she wasn't just a little nobody
'cause she had great big love.

Verse 3

They were the ones everyone ignored,
those little shepherds



with faces dirty, clothes so worn,
poor little shepherds.
But they ran to see so quickly
'cause no one's just a little nobody
when they have great big love.

Bridge

So we can sing, "Gloria, yeah, gloria!"
Jesus has come.
So we can sing, "Gloria, yeah, gloria!"
Jesus, God's great big love.

Message - "Who Then Can Be Saved?" - Micah Bales

Song - Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia

Where two or three are gathered in my name
There am I in their midst,
And whatsoever ye shall ask I will do.
Allelu Alleluia."

Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia

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 - The Kingdom of God Is Justice And Peace

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace



And joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom. (Repeat x 5)

Parting Words

Leaving Song - 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.
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!

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.
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!

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!

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.

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.](#)

Friends United Meeting's next **International Prayer Gathering** is scheduled for **Friday, October 15 at 9:00 AM Pacific**. Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81401601535>. 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.

[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.](#)

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.](#)

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 10, 2021

- **We thank you for healing, hope, and transformation.** We sometimes forget how miraculous these things are. Help us recognize the gifts that they are and their presence in our lives.

- 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 thank you for the restored health of **Jayne's family in Pennsylvania** who are recovering from Covid. We are grateful for their healing. We continue to hold **her niece Amanda** in our prayers as she continues to be sick at home.
- We thank you for the fellowship and support we receive from our family and friends. You bless us with **love, companionship and connection with each other.** Help us to recognize your blessing in these relationships and where there is brokenness or pain, bring your healing.
- We pray for our **families with school age children.** The excitement and nervousness of a new school year has faded. Help families to find the new routine. Give them strength through the tedium and the focus they need. Help them balance school, work and play.
- We are easily drawn away from serving you by the enticements of the world for wealth, ease, and comfort. Just like the young man in the scriptures, we are owned by our possessions, held captive by our treasures. You continue to offer to us healing and hope. You seek to transform our lives from captivity to freedom in witness and service. **Help us to place our lives and our trust in you,** knowing that with your help, many wonderful things can be accomplished which will provide hope and peace for others and ourselves. Give us courage and strength to truly be your disciples.



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