

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

March 29, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider – Louise Neal

Join the collective quiet, preparing your heart and mind to worship and listen.

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 – Isaiah 26:20, Matthew 6:6, Matthew 10:42

Other relevant scripture passages: Psalms 1:2, Psalms 77:6, Isaiah 30:15, 1 Cor. 13:12, John 4:14

Message – “Eco-Despair 1.4: A Glass of Water, A Window into the Soul”

- Keith Barton



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 - 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
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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.

Church Announcements - 3/29/2020 Berkeley Friends Church

Quaker Heritage Day is postponed at this time.

Due to the Coronavirus, **the Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk** will be a **virtual walk** this year. This means participants will walk individually or in small groups on Sunday, **March 29th** if they choose to do so and post it on-line. The big walk at St. Mary Magdalene Parish will not happen. Cassidy, Tom & Dharma will walk on Sunday March 29th at a location TBD. **Please still donate!** The Berkeley Food Pantry, Dorothy Day House of Berkeley, Youth Spirit Artworks, and Church World Services still need your donations and help! Please consider donating to Dharma & Cassidy on team Berkeley Quakers at:

www.crophungerwalk.org/berkeleyca/CassidyGalang and,
www.crophungerwalk.org/berkeleyca/DharmaGalang

All money raised will go to the following organizations: **The Berkeley Food Pantry:** A ministry of Berkeley Friends Church, the BFP provides emergency groceries to around 1,700 Berkeley and Albany residents and homeless individuals, monthly. **Dorothy Day House of Berkeley:** DDH has provided meals, shelter and employment for low income residents and homeless individuals in Berkeley for over 30 years. **Youth Spirit Artworks:** YSA is an inter-faith "green" art jobs and job training program for homeless and low income youth. **Church World Services (CWS)** or a designated partner of your choice.

<https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/sponser-option/> CWS uses funds from the walk for their global development programs, refugee and immigrant assistance and resettlement, and disaster response. If you prefer to donate by check, please write out to Church World Services, and mail to:

First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

Note: If you choose to donate by check the funds will go into the general Church World Services fund.

April 5, 1:15 – 3:00 PM - Origami Crane folding, for Tsuru (“cranes”) for Solidarity – a June march in Washington DC organized by the Japanese-American Community to close the immigration camps. “Fold In” will now be from your home; please see flyer.

If you’re interested in exploring **Berkeley Friends Church Membership**, please see Peter Brewer or Louise Neal. You will learn some history of early Friends as well as current faith and practice. We will begin a new class **April 19, 2020**.

Census 2020: Don’t forget to respond to your notice either online, by phone or by paper form after April 8th. The census will only ask 9 questions and by law cannot be shared with anyone including ICE, the police, or other government agencies. An undercount will have a huge effect on our area. For example, if we have an undercount of 6% in Alameda County, the county will lose \$1 billion over 10 years. For more info see www.acgov.org/Census2020

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church March 29, 2020

- We **thank you for hope** in a God, whose love is steadfast, whose power redeems.
- 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, Tomi’s friend Katie, Joe Williams, Diana’s friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn’s friend Bruce, Fred Neal, and Sam Kumao.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette and Joe and Sally Williams**
- We pray for **all who have been made sick by COVID-19**. Provide them with the medical care they need. Sooth whatever fear and pain they may be feeling. We lift up those who have died and their grieving family and friends to you. Bring them peace and comfort in the midst of loss. Show us how to love those most impacted by this virus.
- We ask for **resilience and strength** in a time of turmoil, trauma and uncertainty. When we are lonely, may we find a friend. When we are anxious, may we rest in your peace. When we are sad and grieving, may we remember that many others are too. You are the Comforter and Great Physician, an ever present help in times of need. Help us to look to you.
- For **all those who have lost work** and are facing financial insecurity, we ask that you provide for their physical needs. Show us how we might be a part of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and sheltering the homeless.
- God of life, present and promised, you are the one to whom we call: for you are the one who hears, and you are the one who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. May be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is uncertain— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. **Help us live in the hope we proclaim.**