Worship at Berkeley Friends Church April 19, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider – Faith Kelley

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

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.

[Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there on the cross to die.

[Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.



[Refrain]

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that will never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me. I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

[Refrain]

Praises & Petitions

Scripture John 20: 19-31

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.

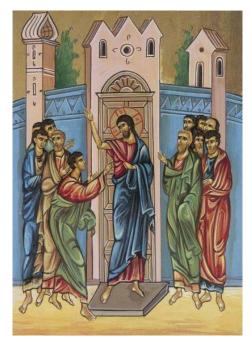
Hymn - Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love,

Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, Blend all my soul with Thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.





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 – 4/19/2020 Berkeley Friends Church

Monthly Meeting for Business is today, April 19 at 1:00 PM via Zoom.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing Eden Grace's book "On Earth as it is in Heaven: The Kingdom of God and the Yearning of Creation." You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss.

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 22**, **2020**. Class will be at 8:00 PM via Zoom and will continue run for 4 weeks.

Happy Hour – Friday, April 24 and May 8 from 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Join us on the BFC Zoom for a time of hanging out, checking in and enjoying human interaction.

Quaker Heritage Day is postponed at this time.

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 April 19, 2020

• We thank you for the sunshine and the rain, the flowers and the leaves, the breeze and the still of a new spring.

- 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, Steve Sims, Marilyn's friend Bruce, and Sam Kumao.
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue** and **Joe and Sally Williams**
- We pray for Lorring's sister, **Candace**, who is waiting for a kidney. We ask that a match be found quickly and that her health improves as she waits.
- We thank you that **Rep. Mark DeSaulnier's** health is improving. We ask that you continue to bring healing to him.
- We ask for your help for all of us who face uncertainty in housing, employment and food during
 this time of disruption. Provide for their needs. Help us to be part of your work of feeding the
 hungry, clothing the naked and supporting the lonely.
- We pray for **Faith K.'s cousin Madison**, her husband Garrison and their developing baby. May her pregnancy continue with fewer complications. Soothe their anxiety.
- We ask that you be **present with us in our grief.** The loss of friends and loved ones to this illness. Sadness over all that was planned but will not happen. Frustration over lack of control over the present. Whatever form our mourning takes currently, comfort us with your love.
- We pray that you give our elected leaders wisdom as they make decisions about how best to
 protect us all. Help them to know the best next steps. Give strength and rest to public health
 workers, nurses and doctors in this stressful and overwhelming time. For all who continue to go to
 work- grocery store workers, trash collectors, police and firefighters- we ask your protection.

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