

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

April 26, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - John Maurer

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

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

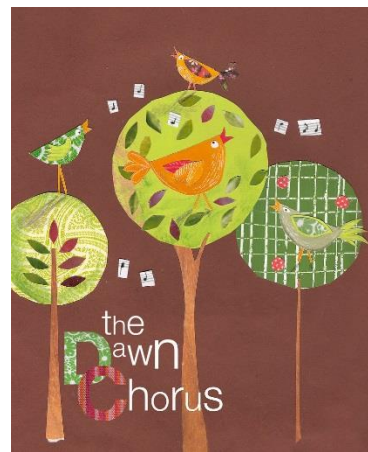
Praises & Petitions

Scripture John 21: 15-19

Message "Do You Love Me?" - 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 – Oh, for a Heart to Praise my God

Oh, for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels they love
So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where God reigns alone.

A heart in every thought renewed,
And filled with love divine;
Perfect and right, and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new name of Love.



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 – 4/26/2020 Berkeley Friends Church

Monthly Meeting for Business is today, April 26 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.

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 26, 2020**

- We **thank you that you hear our prayers** and answer with hope, peace and love.
- 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, Lorryng's sister Candace 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 **children** who are continuing to adjust to being out of school, distance learning and being at home all the time. Help their parents to find the time to support, nurture and educate them. Help us know how to encourage and build resiliency in our youngest members.
- We lift up **Sally Williams** as she nears the end of her life. We pray for Joe as he is present with her and grieving. Help them to get the support they need. Be a peaceful presence in this time of saying good-bye.
- We ask for your help for **all those who have to continue to work** with the public- the medical professionals, grocery store workers, public transportation employees and many others. Give them the things they need to be protected from infection. Comfort their anxiety and distress.
- Please **give our communities and leaders wisdom** as we make decisions about the next steps in controlling the spread of COVID-19. Help us to know the right times and ways to begin to lift restrictions. Show us ways to protect and support the most vulnerable.
- We ask for peace for **all who are experiencing anxiety, depression and unbearable stress** right now. Give them access to the care they need. Prompt us to reach out to each other asking for help when we need it and offering it when we see the need.
- Your promises are like shelter in a storm— to us and to our children, to all those far and near, to everyone who hears your call. **Let us have the mind of Christ**, that we may know and understand your truth. We wait as empty vessels, ready to be filled to overflowing with your living water, as you reveal your love for us through Jesus Christ.



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