

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

May 17, 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 - Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayers attend; Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see,
And to eternity, Love and adore.



Praises & Petitions

Scripture Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

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 – 5/17/2020 Berkeley Friends Church

Monthly Meeting for Business is today, May 17 at 1:00PM 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.

Happy Hour – Come hang out with folks from Berkeley Friends Church from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, Friday **May 22**. We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

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

Annual Gathering for Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting of Friends will be virtual via Zoom due to the current pandemic. They are now accepting registrations for the sessions, which will be June 12-14, 2020. Please send an email to registrar@scymf.org with your name, email address, Church or Meeting affiliation if you have one, the names of your family members who will be online with you and which session(s) you plan to attend. Families and couples are asked to use one screen per family unit in order to help with logistics. You must pre-register to receive the Zoom link for any session.

<https://www.scymfriends.org/annual-conference>

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 May 17, 2020

- We **thank you for the relationships with friends and family that sustain us.** We see your face in the love and support we receive from each other.
- 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 Williams.**
- We pray for migrants, refugees and immigrants who are far from home. Give them safety in this time of crisis. May they be welcomed and cared for in the countries they are residing. We ask specifically that **Faith's friend Yalili and her fiancé** would be soon allowed to return to the United States from Germany.
- We ask that you **be present with all those in our community who are unable to worship with us on Zoom.** Help us to reach out to those who feel isolated. May we continue to feel love and connection, even as we social distance.
- We are grateful for the **surge of financial support and new, younger volunteers Berkeley Food Pantry has received.** Make us good stewards of the resources and ministry you have given us. Keep Dharma and Aram, the volunteers and the guests safe. May all hungry bellies be filled.
- We pray for **medical staff, first responders and all who are doing so much to take care of the sick and injured.** Give them the PPE that they need. Guard their mental and physical health. May they get the support and rest that they need.
- **Forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:** when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk

through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you— for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power.



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