

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

May 24, 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 - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

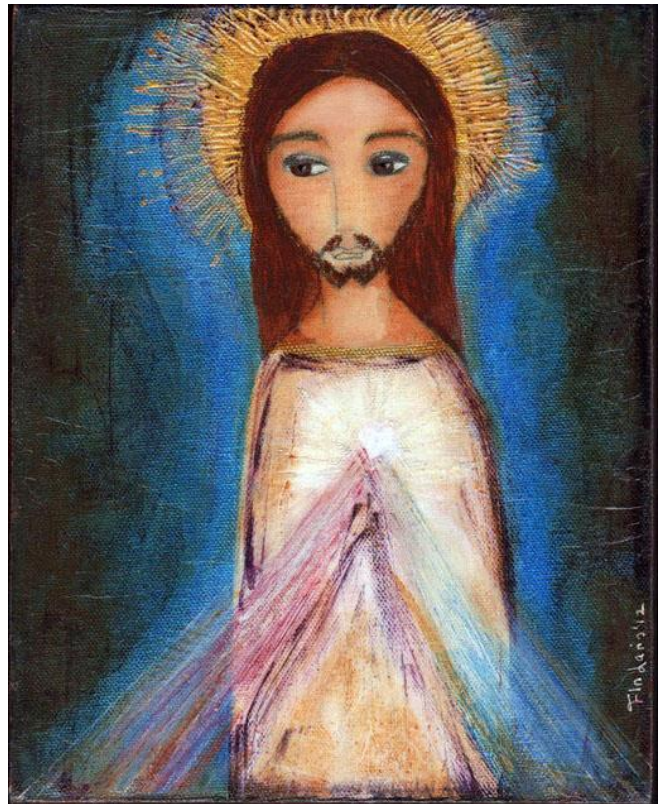
[Chorus]

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

[Chorus]

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

[Chorus]



Praises & Petitions

Scripture Jude 17-25

Message "True Mercy" 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 Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.



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 – 5/24/2020 Berkeley Friends Church

Today we welcome Friends from **Whittier First Friends Church** joining us for worship. Whittier is also a part of the Western Association of Friends along with BFC. We will be joining them at their Zoom worship service on **Sunday June 7 at 11:00 AM.**

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 June 5**. We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

Barclay College is offering a free summer course on “**Centering Down in a Time of Frenzy**”. It will be held **June 8-28** through an online portal which allows for flexible scheduling of reading and online discussion. Aaron Stokes, their Director of Online Learning, is the instructor. This three-week course teaches the longtime Quaker practice of Centering Down as an alternative approach to the worries of the season. Contact Aaron Stokes at aaron.stokes@barclaycollege.edu to register.

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>

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

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 24, 2020

- We **thank you for the songs of the birds**, a reminder to lift our voices and praise you. You care for the sparrow and we are grateful you care for us.
- 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 **the children and families caught in our broken and inhumane immigration system.** We ask that all those who are fleeing abuse, persecution and violence find a new safe home. Reunite those families that have been broken apart. We particularly hold up to you two sisters, ages 8 and

11, that ICE is trying to deport back to El Salvador despite their mom residing in the US and there being no one to take care of them in El Salvador.

- We thank you for the faithful and Spirit-filled life of **Stephen Matchett**, a member of San Francisco Friends Meeting. Please comfort his family and friends in the grief of his passing.
- We pray for **all who are experiencing stress, anxiety and depression** in the midst of shelter in place. Help each of us to find life giving ways to care for ourselves and those around us. Provide the support, living situation and help that each of us needs to be safe and at peace.
- We ask that you take our spirits and release the need for control for them. Help us place our total trust in your abiding love and presence. **Give us patience and persistence.** Give us courage to accept your love and strength to witness to your love in all that we do.



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