

## Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

May 31, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Presider - Steve Sims**

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

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
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**Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture Acts 1:1-21**

**Message “The New Normal: the Spirit & the Church” Hannah Kelley**

**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 - We Are One In The Spirit**

We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
We are One in The Spirit,  
We are One in The Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Chorus:*

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
By our Love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other,  
We will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the News  
that God is in our land.



### **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**

**Bible Study** starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. We are discussing David Johnson's book, "Jesus, Christ and Servant of God: Meditations on the Gospel According to John." 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.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.acgov.org/Census2020)

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at [pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

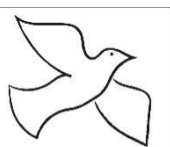


## Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church May 31, 2020

- We **thank you for the end of the school year and the beginning of summer.** It did not look like what we expected, but you continue to be with us in the midst of the surprising.
- 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 praise you at the birth of **Niko Alexander Rensi** to Lucia and Stefano on May 24. We rejoice in new life, the growing Rensi family and that mom and baby are healthy and well.
- We lift up to you Robbie's mom, Kathy, as she deals with a persistent ear infection and a hole in her eardrum. We ask that you stop the pain, heal the infection and give her peace in her worry.
- We thank you that **Congressperson Mark DeSaulnier** has returned home from the hospital to recuperate and return to work. Continue his healing after his long and serious illness.
- We pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We particularly remember: Faith and Micah's friends **Scott Breeze and Faith and Steve Williams.**
- We ask for **safety and protection** as some businesses, daycares and other spaces open up in our area. Give us wisdom about how to manage the risk for ourselves and others. Give us patience as we wait through this season of distance, disruption and uncertainty.
- We grieve the murder of **George Floyd**, yet another senseless death of an African American person at the hands of the police. We pray that you would shift the way this country polices itself. Forgive us our racial sins. Be with those who are living in fear. Protect your children. Grant us vision. Heal our hearts. Be with those who grieve today. Be with those who act with violent aggression for they are broken too. Inspire us with new ways. Help us use our anger in ways that are sturdy and productive. Help us to see one another the way you see us. Lift up your people. Equip us to work for justice, one with another, for a way that is better. May your kingdom come, your will be done.
- Your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. **May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today,** encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people.



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