

# Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

June 21, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Presider - Faith Kelley**

**Prayer**

**Meditation**

**Scripture - Lamentations 3:19-23, 31-36**

**Praises & Petitions**

**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.

**Scripture - Isaiah 58:4-12**

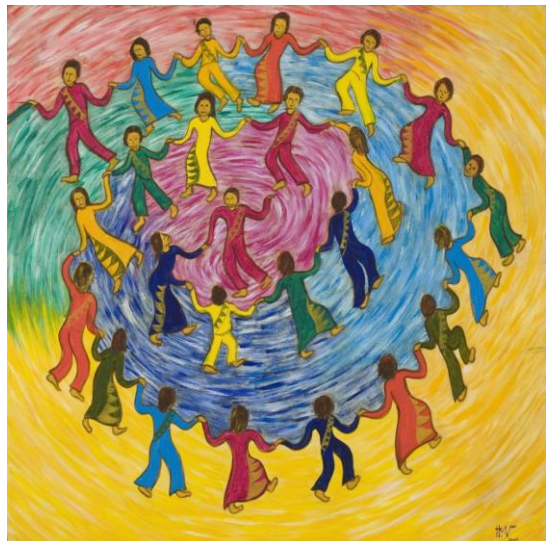
**Open Worship**

*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 - Canticle Of The Turning**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
And my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,



And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
To the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
And to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
For the world is about to turn.

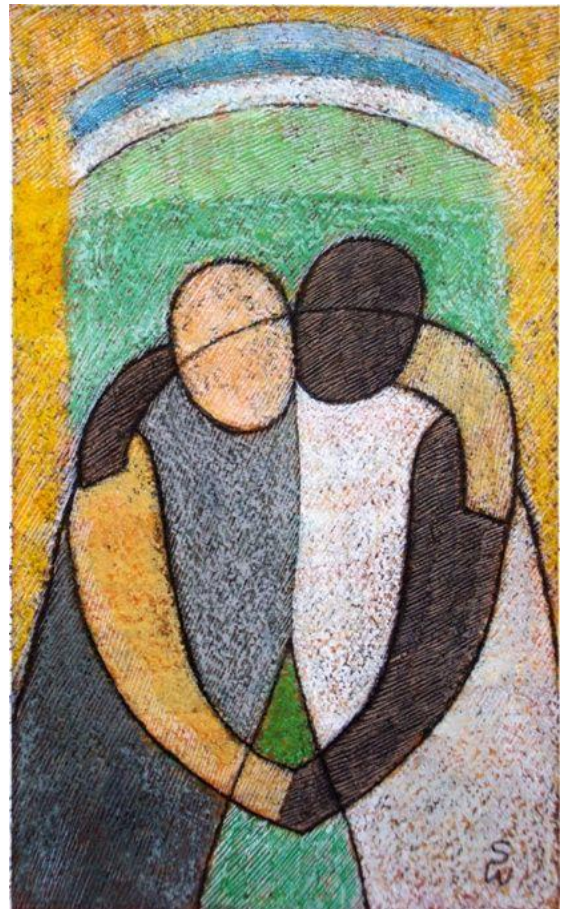
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
Not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
For the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
For the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn!

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
We remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
Is the promise which holds us bound,  
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
Who is turning the world around.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn!  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.



Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn!

### **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**

**Today**, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:00 PM.**

**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 section and then discuss.

**Happy Hour** – Come hang out with folks from Berkeley Friends Church from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, **Friday July 10.** We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

Special **All Ages and Stages Worship on Saturday, June 27 at 4:00 PM.** This intergenerational time of learning and worship will be interactive and energetic – using our whole bodies, minds and souls. While great for families with kids, all are welcome to come and join in.

**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**  
**June 21, 2020**

- We **thank you for setting us free from sin and death** and calling us to the risk of faith and service.
- 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, Marilyn’s friend Bruce, Lorrington’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 **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: **Eden Grace,** Faith and Micah's friends **Scott Breeze and Faith and Steve Williams.**
- We pray for **Danny Sanchez,** a family friend of the Galangs injured by the police in a protest against racial injustice. Heal his eye, restore his sight and give his family the resources they need to pay for his care. We pray for an end to police brutality and violent tactics against nonviolent protesters.
- We ask for comfort and good care for **Pebbles, Veneita Porter’s dog.** Help Veneita find the best course of treatment for him. Give the vets wisdom about his seizures and how to address them.
- We lift up the members of **Bulungi Tree Shade,** the only LGBTQ+ affirming Friends meeting in East Africa. We pray for safety and healing for them as they deal with the aftermath of a violent attack. Protect them from those who because of their hatred and prejudice would do them harm. We pray for **LGBTQ+ people in our own country,** particularly trans individuals as they face increased rates of violence and a federal administration that seeks to undo protections that guarantee them healthcare.
- **May our congregations vocalize God’s definitive “NO” to the murder of black lives.** May all of us be awakened and stand alongside our black brothers and sisters to proclaim that this epidemic of police violence must be addressed. May privilege and power be used as a means to raise awareness and demand justice. May leaders feel pressure from all who live in their communities and respond with plans to stop the destruction of black bodies. May your Church be afflicted in its core again for this sign of a deep sickness in our communities. May we listen to the prophetic voices speaking truth and pleading for action. May our prayers find footing, that we **might live lives that are answers to our prayers for peace and justice.**



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