

## Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

June 14, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

### Presider - Louise Neal

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

### Meditation

### Prayer

### Hymn - Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

### Praises & Petitions

Scripture Luke 11:37-54



**Message “The Blood of the Prophets” 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 - Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God**

Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
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Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord  
Take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.  
And renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

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**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**

Next Sunday, **June 21 at 1:00pm**, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business**.

**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 June 19**. 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 14, 2020**

- We **thank you for your infinite mercy, abounding grace and unlimited love**. It has been the source of our life and faith through all our days, and before that, through the days of our ancestors.
- 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, 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 **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 the **Berkeley Food Pantry staff, volunteer and oversight committee**. The amount of work they are doing in the midst of the pandemic and economic upheaval is monumental. Give them the wisdom, energy and support they need to continue this vital ministry.
- We ask that you bring justice and mercy to our **immigration system**. Keep those who are held in detention safe from abuse and COVID-19. Reunite those families who have been separated. Bring those feeling violence, poverty and persecution to a safe new home.

- We pray for **all of us who are overwhelmed and stressed**. Uncertainty can be so draining. Help us to lean on the steadfastness of your love and comforting presence.
- We pray for those who are participating in our **membership class**. Help it to be a time of enrichment and spiritual growth. Give them and us wisdom as we discern making the commitment to membership.
- We ask that you provide safe, fun and engaging opportunities for **children who are now on summer break**. Help their parents as they navigate a summer without many of the usual activities and childcare. Show us how to support families with children among us.
- Show us how to take part in your kingdom coming. Make us instruments of peace, justice and love. Give us a clear path to walk towards **racial justice** in this country. We each have a piece of the work to address inequality and violence. Give us the strength to do so.
- Grant us the wisdom to affirm your claim upon us as your people. We await your revealing word; grant us the sensitivity to hear your demands in clear and compelling language. We long to do your will on earth as in heaven. Grant us the courage to fail neither you nor your children.



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