

## Worship with Whittier First Friends Church

May 31, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

### Church Announcements

**Today** we will be joining **Whittier First Friends Church** at their Zoom worship service **at 11:00 AM**. Whittier is also a part of the Western Association of Friends along with BFC.

Your financial contributions are vital to the life of the meeting. Please consider offerings through mail or the Donate Now button on the church's website.

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.

**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 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.

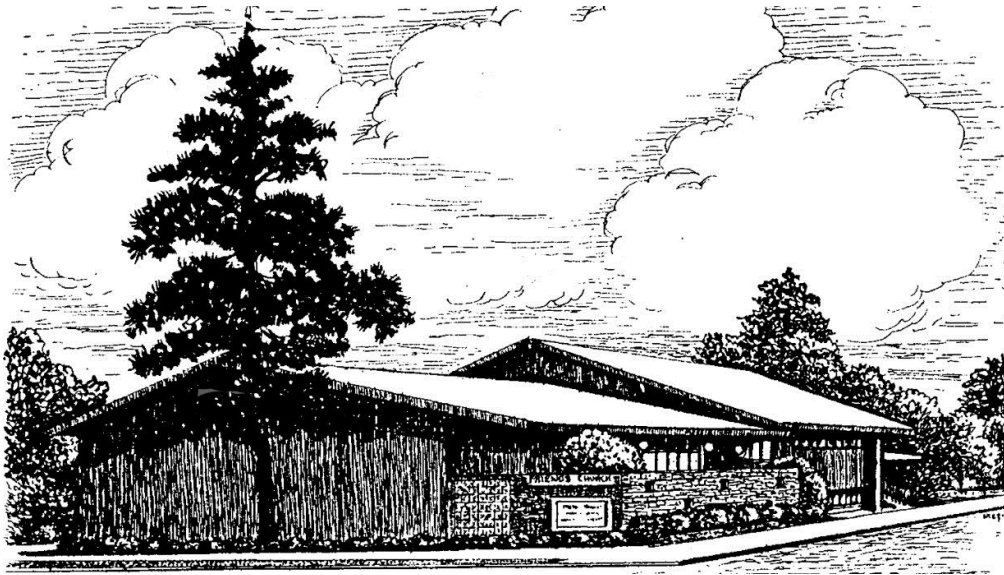
**Barclay College** is offering a free summer course on "**Centering Down in a Time of Frenzy**". It will be held **June 8-28** through an online portal which allows for flexible scheduling of reading and online discussion. Aaron Stokes, their Director of Online Learning, is the instructor. This three-week 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**  
**June 7, 2020**

- We **thank you for our relationship with Whittier First Friends**. We are grateful for the support and fellowship in you we experience together.
- 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 continue to pray for **racial justice** in our country. Help us to be people of reconciliation and peace. Heal our wounds so that we might reach out in love to others. Give us the wisdom to know how to act. Give us the bravery to do what must be done. Forgive us when we have fallen short of the inclusion and equality you have called us to.
- We pray for those of **us and our neighbors who are hungry**. Provide sustenance for the growing number of food insecure. Help us to be part of the solution to meet this need. Make us good stewards and supporters of Berkeley Food Pantry.

- We ask for comfort for **those who are grieving**. For those broken hearted over those killed and brutalized because of the color of their skin. For those who have an open hole in their lives where a person dead from COVID-19 used to be. For the many whose dreams, plans and way of life have crumbled. For those who used to think they were secure and now know they are tipping on the edge of uncertainty. We lift all this sadness and emptiness into your warm embrace.
- From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works, all around us. **May your creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds** today and always, as we strive to live in obedience to your will.



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