

# Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

July 12, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - Tomi Nagai-Rothe

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Kumbaya

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbayah

Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Come by here my Lord, come by here  
Come by here my Lord, come by here  
Come by here my Lord, come by here  
Oh Lord, come by here



Praises & Petitions

Scripture – Genesis 12:1-9, Hebrews 11:8-12

Message - “Is It Too Late for Berkeley Friends Church?” - Micah Bales

## Open Worship

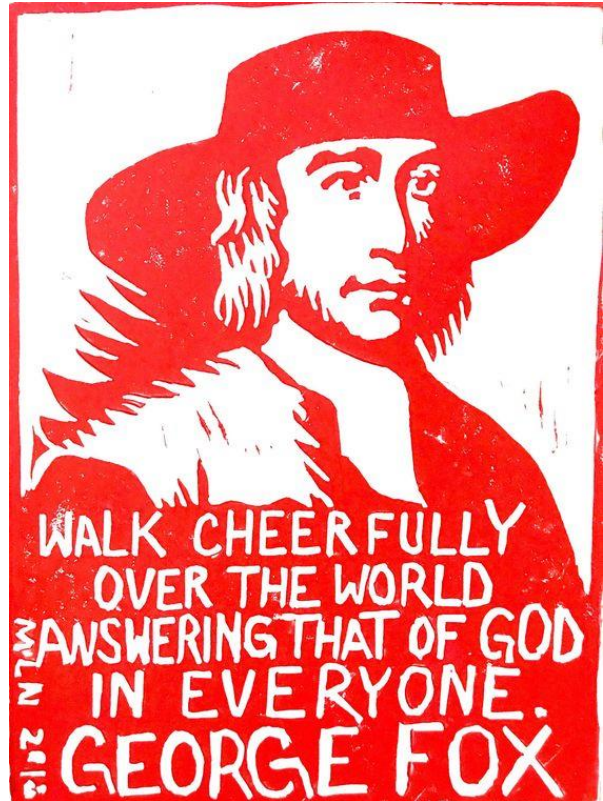
*Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it: Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.*

## Hymn - Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth you have for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unlock and set me free.  
Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth you send so clear;  
and while the message sounds in my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with your children thus to share.  
Silently now, on bended knee,  
ready I wait your will to see;  
open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!



## 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

**July 19, Monthly Meeting for Business** will be at 1:15 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 24**. We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

**Whittier First Friends** is inviting all rising first through eighth graders to their **Peace Camp July 13-17 from 10:00-11:30** on Zoom. The theme "Colors of Peace" will focus the sessions on appreciating diversity and finding peace. Planned activities include stories, crafts, "visiting" speakers, and interactive games. If you'd like to participate, please register soon so that the materials can be mailed to your child. Ask Faith Kelley for the registration form.

**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

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- We **thank you for the joy that summer produce brings**- for the sweet fruit and the rich vegetables. May we stop and savor the tastes of this special time.
- 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, Janice Wells 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 **Faith K.'s cousin Vicki** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer at age 32. Give her a clear treatment path when she meets with the surgeon on Tuesday. Help Vicki, her husband and their two young children on the road ahead.
- We pray for **all affected by the COVID outbreak at San Quentin prison.** Protect the inmates and staff there. Give those who need it medical release. Provide appropriate medical care to those infected. May our government create compassionate policies and procedures that keep these kinds of outbreaks from spreading.
- **Forgive us when we doubt your mercy and your love.** We are so caught up in getting everything that we want; and we want it all right now. We have trouble waiting and remembering that it is in the waiting that we might hear your voice. It is difficult for us to believe that we can be fruitful, good soil for your words and work. We find excuses not to be attentive to you, but to focus instead on our own desires. Slow us down, Lord. Remind us again of your mercy and your love.
- We pray for **the earth you created.** For the water that quenches our thirst. For the air that fills our lungs. We rejoice in the diversity of the plants and animals that share this home with us. Make us good caretakers of what we've been given. May we do more good than harm as we walk upon this ground you also trod.
- Guide us into **a future full of hope and direction for BFC.** Give us clear indication about what you are calling us to, what kind of mission we have in the world. Make us a blessing in our neighborhood, city and state as we seek to listen to your voice.



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