

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

July 26, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider – John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,



I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Matthew 28:16-20

Message - "Go and Make Disciples" - Micah Bales

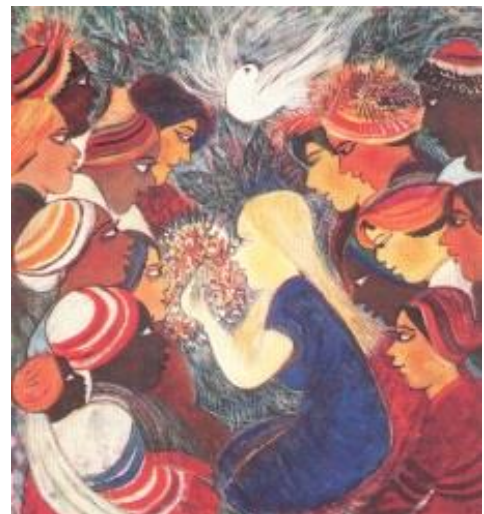
Open Worship

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 - Lord, You Give The Great commission

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;



With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
For the work of ministry.

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 section and then discuss.

All Ages and Stages Worship on Saturday August 1 at 4:00 PM- Join us for an embodied and energetic worship great for kids and adults. We'll sing, do activities, engage with scripture and have waiting worship.

Sunday August 9 at 11:00 AM- Joint worship with Whittier First Friends with Nikki Holland, FUM missionary to Belize, preaching.

Spiritual Potluck- Thursday August 13 at 8:00 PM. Bring something to share! A piece of scripture, a poem, a prayer, a passage from a book. Whatever is feeding your soul right now and you'd like us to partake in as well.

Friends World Committee on Consultation is hosting a global worship on **Saturday, August 15 at 4:00 – 05:30 PDT** to mark 100 years since the first world-wide, inter-branch gathering of Quakers in opposition to war in 1920. Time together will focus on what compelled Friends in a post-war environment and what inspires us now to continue in our work for a peaceful world. How has God called us for these 100 years? To what can we testify today? Register for the global worship via [Eventbrite](#) to get the Zoom link.

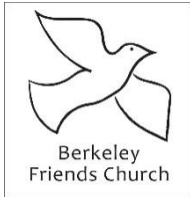
Happy Hour – Come hang out with folks from Berkeley Friends Church from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, **Friday August 28.** We have no agenda. Just a time to chat, connect and enjoy each other's company. Check for log in details on listserv announcements.

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

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

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church July 26, 2020

- We **thank you for the amazing, beautiful birds** you created- a reminder that you care for the sparrow and so care for us.
- 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, Faith's cousin Vicki 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: Faith and Micah's friend **Steve Williams.**
- We pray for **all of us who are experiencing mental illness-** anxiety, depression, addiction, and so many more. Bring us healing. Bring us the medical care and helpful support we need. Walk us through each day, hour and moment with your loving presence and grace.
- We ask that you **give BFC a clear sense of it's vision, mission and purpose** as a part of your kingdom. Show us how to love our neighbors. Give us the words to share the good news. Make us brave and bold as we look forward to the work you have given us.
- We pray for **our nation,** as we continue to grapple with the unholy trinity of patriarchy, white supremacy and religious nationalism. Give us the tools we need to dismantle these systems. In resistance, turn our worship and adoration towards you and your love. Show us how to bind up the wounds that have been inflicted over generations.
- We pray for **Cedar Creek Montessori Preschool** as it looks to reopening in August. Protect the teachers and students. Help the food pantry, the church and the preschool figure out what using the building together looks like in this pandemic reality.
- We seek you, God, in the spaces of our lives. The spaces between what we've done and what we've left undone. The spaces between our convictions and our actions, the spaces between all that we hoped to do, and what we've actually done. This is a prayer **for the road ahead, which is an empty space stretching before us.** Fill us with a burning compassion for our brothers and sisters, a love that will not let us go. Give us courage to give boldly, love simply, hope deeply, risk greatly. Our lights are small, our time is short, but let it shine for you, always, ever, all for you.



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