

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

August 2, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider – Louise Neal

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - I'm Gonna Sing

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing.
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,
And obey the Spirit of the Lord

I'm gonna moan when the Spirit says moan
I'm gonna moan when the Spirit says moan
I'm gonna moan when the Spirit say moan
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.
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Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Luke 4:16-30

Message - "Jesus Against Empire" - C. Wess Daniels



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 - Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity, Removing shades of pride and fear--
A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, The right to breathe, The right to have one's daily
bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full
release to faith and hope and joy and peace.



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.

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 August 2, 2020

- We **thank you for hope** in the midst of the darkness. Shine your light and love in our hearts so we may trust in you more fully.
- 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 **David Thompson** as he undergoes tests at Highland Hospital to figure out what is causing pain in his leg. Give the doctors wisdom. May David receive good care there. Provide a clear answer and course of treatment.
- We pray for **all those who are being detained in our unjust immigration system**, including young children. Protect them from COVID. May they be quickly released into more human situations. Keep them from abuse and those who would prey upon their vulnerability. Bring them to a place of welcome and mercy.
- We pray for **Madison, Faith K.'s cousin, and her husband Garrison and their unborn baby**. May their appointment at the specialist be scheduled soon and may they be able to figure out some of the concerns from the earlier ultrasounds. Whatever diagnosis is made, may they feel your presence and peace.
- We pray for **all those who have lost their jobs** in this economic downturn. Shore up their financial security. Bring them to new work soon. Provide the support they need to continue to be housed, fed and clothed in this time of disruption and uncertainty.
- We ask for emotional and financial security for **Tomi's friend Brianna whose daughter is a good friend of Kazu's**. Brianna's daughter experienced trauma recently and they have moved unexpectedly. Be with them during this time of transition, as healing begins and as they make their way together.
- In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. **Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives** to receive your awesome grace.

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