

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

August 16, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - O Love That Wilt Not Let Me God

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thro' the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

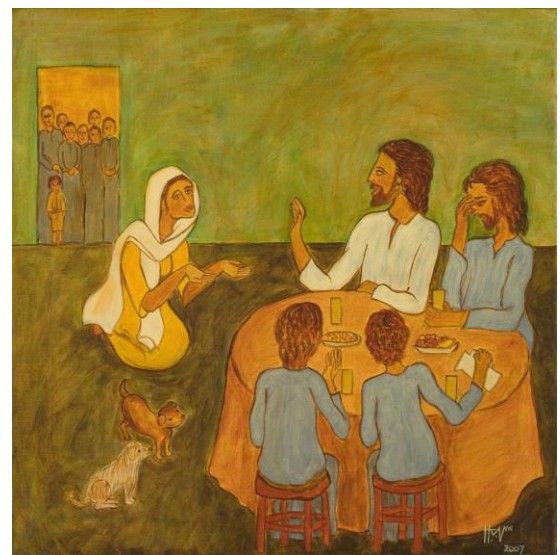
O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Matthew 15:21-28

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 - O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.



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

Today, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business 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 discussion and then discuss.

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.

Living Into the Promise, an online program, will be led by Julie Peyton and Marge Abbott and hosted by the **Ben Lomond Quaker Center, September 4–6.** During this weekend together, we will each have opportunity to explore the fears that bind us and the possibility (or reality) of a power that raises up the good in each of us. [Click here for more information.](#)

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 17, 2020

- We **thank you for the start of the school year**, even if it looks different than we had hoped. We thank you for all the things that will be learned and ways students will grow this year.
- 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 ask for comfort for **Faith Williams**, Faith Kelley's friend, on the death of her husband Steve after a long battle with COVID. Bring her peace and a sense of connection to all who love and care for her, even from a distance.
- We pray for **Duffy Anderson-Rothe and Kai Nagai-Rothe**, Tomi's son-in-law and daughter, as they await the death of Duffy's mother in hospice. Please hold them as they say good-bye, make choices about her care and begin to grieve their loss. Shepherd his mother through this last part of her life, wrapped in your loving arms.
- We pray for all those places in the world and our own country which are in periods of political upheaval and uncertainty. We particularly ask for peace, relief and justice in **Lebanon and Belarus.** Guide our nation too as we quickly approach November's election.
- We ask for a clear path to work and financial security for **all who have lost their jobs.** Give them the focus and energy they need to find their next job. Open up the right doors for them, even as you close others.
- We pray for **Max Hansen** on the death of his mother, Barbara. May he feel your love and presence in the midst of grief. As he misses her, may he take comfort in his memories of her and their love for each other.
- We are often stressed and overwhelmed. We have little patience and find ourselves being short and mean when we have no need to be. Bring us rest and a sense of your power in our lives. Give us

the tools we need to deal with the uncertainty, scarcity and danger in our lives right now. **May we lean fully on you** for grace and support.

- Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. **Be with us today**, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.



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