

## Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

August 23, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider – John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

### Hymn - Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Mark 14:3-9

Message - "Wasted Love" - 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 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
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## 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 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.

**Sunday September 6, Whittier First Friends** will join BFC for Sunday morning worship.

**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](#).

**Prayers of the People on Thursday September 17, 8 PM** - A time of prayer for each other and our needs as a community. We will also learn a little about some techniques to help us focus our prayer time and those moments when we're not sure how to talk to God.

**All Ages and Stages Worship will be Saturday September 26 at 4:00 PM**. Join us for an engaging, interactive worship in which we do some activities, pray, read the Bible, and have waiting worship. Designed for kids, families and those who just need to be moving.

**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 August 23, 2020

- We **thank you for moments of joy that break through** in our days. May we recognize them for what they are- gifts from you.
- 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 **Duffy Anderson-Rothe and Kai Nagai-Rothe** as they grieve the death of Duffy's mother. You too know the pain of loss and the depth of familial love. May you surround them with your presence.
- We pray for **all those many who have lost homes, been evacuated or live in fear of destruction because of the many wildfires** burning in our state right now. We particularly think of: Sara, Nikki Holland's sister, who has been evacuated along with her children, the **Sierra Friends Center** which burned earlier this week and the **Ben Lomond Quaker Center** which has been evacuated and may have been damaged. We ask that you protect the firefighters and all who are working to control the blazes.
- Lord, **apocalypse is exhausting**. We are tired as difficult truth after difficult truth about our lives, country and world are being revealed one after another. A pandemic, police brutality, economic collapse, lightning storms and wildfires means we can no longer pretend we don't see the injustice, inequality and exploitation around us. Remind us that this unveiling also gives us eyes to see that you are at work and inviting us to join you in the labor. May we trust that you are powerful enough, good enough and loving enough to overcome the powers of darkness and death. May we follow you into a world transformed and restored.
- We pray for **all those for whom the present troubles are just more in a long line of hard days and years**. We think of those of us who have walked the hard roads of chronic illness, disintegrating family relationships, unexpected losses, long term unemployment, and poverty. Wrap your protection around them. Show us how to support each other for the long haul.
- We ask that you **give us the strength to be lavish with our love for you**. May we pour it out despite the whispers of those who think it is better spent elsewhere. May we be known for your commitment to following and honoring you.

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