

## Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

August 30, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

**Presider – Micah Bales**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing  
Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the One Light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

**Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture - Ezekiel 18:21-24**

**Message - “Spiritually Penniless” - Rebecca Baier**

**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.*



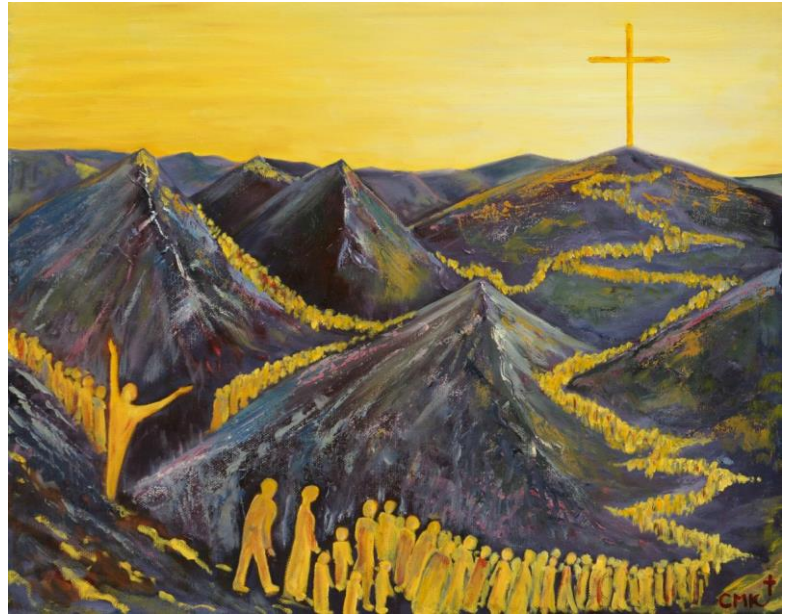
## Hymn - Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour  
At Thy feet it's treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee  
Ever, only, all for thee.



### 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

**Called meeting for business on this Sunday, Aug. 30, at 1:15** to consider the proposal to make Berkeley Food Pantry a separate nonprofit. Please link to the proposal:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VRSJNvfPykeVSc8JkMAuo49JprBa6B1hhUphla\\_Sdyl/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VRSJNvfPykeVSc8JkMAuo49JprBa6B1hhUphla_Sdyl/edit?usp=sharing)

**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.

**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 30, 2020**

- We **thank you for the continued ministry of Berkeley Food Pantry.** We are grateful for the wide support and many donations they've received. We are thankful for many new volunteers in this uncertain 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, 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 pray for **Stanley Chagala Ngesa** as he searches for the best treatments for his prostate cancer. Provide the financial support he needs. Open up the opportunity for him to enroll in the right clinical trial. Give him strength and peace at a time of stress and uncertainty.
- We pray for **families and students** as schools continue to be held online and new ones begin this process. Give teachers, administrators and parents the things they need to support learning. Help kids to focus and grow throughout this year.
- We continue to pray for **Faith Kelley's cousin Madison, her husband Garrison and their unborn baby**. We pray that she will be born at the right time. May she get all the nutrition she needs to grow from the placenta. If she must be born early, keep her safe and healthy with minimal complications.
- We ask for your presence and direction for **all of us who are in periods of searching in our spiritual lives**. Build communities of love and support around them. May the fruit of their work be greater trust in and knowledge of you.
- Our hearts break over the continued **police brutality against African Americans**. We pray for Jacob Blake, his children and family and all of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Bring justice. Bring healing. Bring peace.
- Protect all of us as **fire season** continues. Please help us minimize the fires and their damage. Clear the air. Make us aware of how climate change is showing up in our lives right now and how we must transform the way we live and think.
- **May we seek to follow you all the days of our lives**. May we choose right over wrong. Love over hate. Peace over destruction. We know that you empower us with your Spirit to do all these things.

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