

**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
September 20, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation – Psalm 145:1-8

Prayer

Hymn - This Is The Light Of Day

This is the day of light:
Let there be light today;
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
And chase the gloom away.

This is the day of rest:
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed Thou Thy freshening dew.

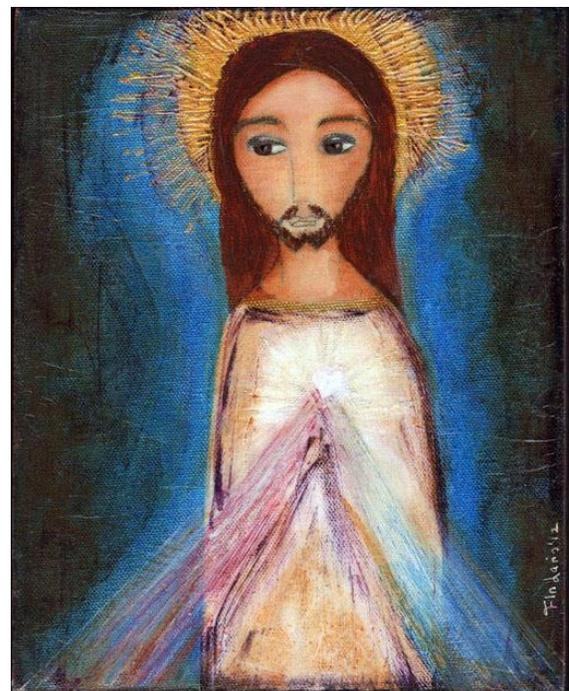
This is the day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill;
Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek Thee there,
Come down to meet us here.

This is the first of days;
Send forth Thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of death!

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Jonah 3:10-4:11



Hymn - Tis A Gift To Repent

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
It will be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
But to repent, repent will be our delight,
Till by repenting, repenting we come 'round right
(repeat)



Scripture - Matthew 20:1-16

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.

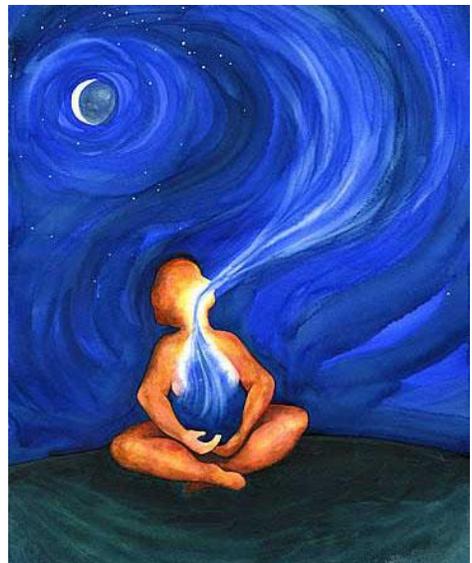
Hymn - Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.



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.

Today, September 20 at 1:00 pm, Tom Yamaguchi will be making a presentation at Berkeley Meeting on carbon pricing. Tom has been a volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby for several years and has tabled for CCL at community events. There are currently a half dozen bills in congress to tax carbon emissions. Tom Yamaguchi will review those bills, including H.R. 763, which is supported by CCL. How are these bills similar? How are they different? How is a carbon tax different from Cap and Trade, which is being used by the State of California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are fueling the climate crisis? The Zoom link is <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86843867913> or by phone 1 669 900 6833 with Meeting ID 868 4386 7913. All are welcome.

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.

Happy Hour – Come hang out with folks from Berkeley Friends Church from 8:00 to 9:00 PM, **Friday October 9.** 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 September 20, 2020

- We **thank you for your grace** which is extravagant and unexpected.
- 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, Dianna's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Lorrington's sister Candace, Faith's cousin Vicki, David Thompson, Stanley Chagala Ngesa 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 **all those being held by ICE.** Protect their bodies from infection and unscrupulous practices. May they be released quickly. May those who are seeking asylum find a safe home. Reunite those families who have been divided.
- We pray for **Veneita Porter's** upcoming knee surgery. Please help it to be successful. May her recovery go quickly and smoothly. Give her the support she needs in that time of returning to full strength.
- We pray for **protection over our upcoming election.** Protect voters and the ballots. May it be a free and fair election. Help us all to be involved in the ways you call us to be.
- We pray for our **families with children in school-** the Galangs, the Kelley and Bales, the Ericksons, the Remington Bowies and the D'Amato Contreras'. Help the kids focus on their school in all the forms it takes right now. Help their parents as they guide them through online schooling. May they love learning together and grow together.
- We ask that **all those who have been affected by the fires** would feel your peace and presence. For those still have homes, may they be able to return quickly. Comfort those who have lost buildings and loved ones to these terrible blazes.
- Help us to place our **trust in your mercy and your compassionate love.** Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the deep morass and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives



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