

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
September 13, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Lord Of The Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.

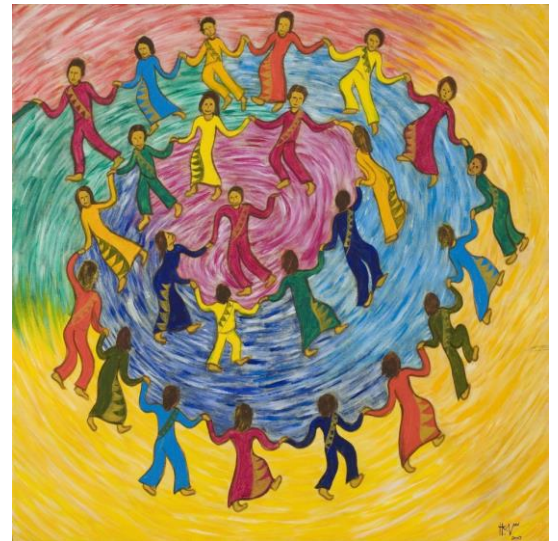
I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

[Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on the cross to die.

[Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;

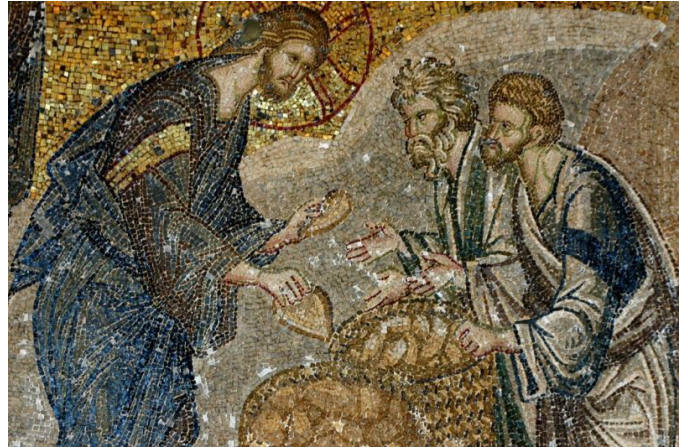


But I am the dance and I still go on.

[Refrain]

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

[Refrain]



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Mark 8:14-21

Message - "Do You Still Not Understand?" - 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 - Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Silently now I wait for thee
Ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear

Silently now I wait for thee
Ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!



Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share

Silently now I wait for thee
Ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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.

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.

FWCC Southwest Region online regional gathering will be **September 19 at 3:00-5:00 PM PST**. This is a chance for people in the Western Association to learn more about FWCC and make connections with Friends from other Yearly Meetings in the region. Information and the registration link are on our website at https://fwccamericas.org/_wp/event/southwest-regional-gathering/. The link directly to the registration form is <https://conta.cc/2Yw9oAr>. Emelyn Buskirk is the Southwest regional coordinator, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You can reach her at em.pearson45@att.net.

On Sunday, 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://us02web.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.

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 13, 2020

- We **thank you for the possibilities that await us this week**, that love can win, that hope can blossom, that faith can find a way in this world even in hard places.
- 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, Lorryng'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 ask for a quick resolution for the conflict that **April Ellis** is having with her neighbors. Bring peace. Sooth April distress in this awful situation. Turn the hearts of her neighbors towards love and reconciliation.
- We continue to pray for **Dianna's friend Sebastian** as he deals with the radical changes in his life caused by a drive by shooting. Heal his body. Allow him to walk again. Support his spirit and his family in this long road of recovery and acclimation.
- We pray for **Tomi Nagai-Rothe** as she leaves Berkeley Friends Church. Bring her to a church home where she can do the work she feels called to. We grieve the fact that her leaving was caused by disunity. We long for a sense of common calling and purpose. Open our eyes to what that should be. Heal the wounds of broken relationships and disappointment when we can not agree.
- We pray for healing for **Dianna's sister Phyllis Yandle.** Having multiple health problems can be so difficult to deal with. Give her doctors wisdom. May she continue to respond to treatment and be able to come home soon.

- We ask for an end to **wildfires and poor air quality**. Help us rally as a society around the need for radical change to stop climate change. Give us eyes to see clearly how we are hurting your creation. We pray for all those who have been displaced by the fires or who are afraid they may have to evacuate. We remember the most vulnerable to smoke in our air- children and elderly, those with underlying conditions, the homeless who have nowhere to shelter and those who must work outside.
- Thank you for giving us **the opportunity to work for your kingdom**. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow to your glory, multiplying like loaves that feed the world.

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