

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
September 27, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

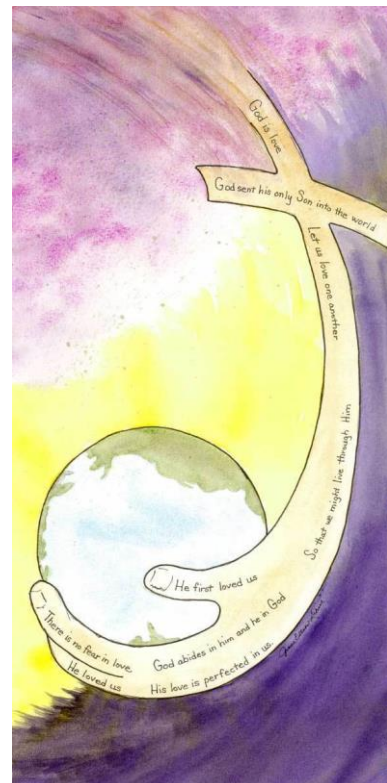
In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - 1 John 4:7-21



Message - "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear" - 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 - We Are One In The Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, They'll know we are Christians by our love!

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And we'll walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

We will work with each other we will work side by side
We will work with each other we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's prides
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love



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.

"Peace and the Nature of War" is the theme for this year's **Westheimer Peace Symposium hosted by Wilmington College on Oct 1 & 2**. Registration is only required for workshops. All other lectures and Response Project performances may be accessed freely online. <https://www.wilmington.edu/westheimer/>

World Quaker Day, Sunday, Oct. 4. Celebrate this year by worshipping with Whittier First Friends and West Richmond Friends Church at 11:00 AM. Getry Agizah, Peace Team staffer from the FUM Africa office, will be preaching.

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.

Thursday October 22 at 8:00 PM join us for **Cloud of Witnesses** and share about someone who has impacted your faith journey. It can be someone you know personally or not. Living or dead. If you have a picture of the person, bring it to share with everyone.

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 27, 2020

- We **thank you for your love** which does not break down; for Jesus Christ who extended love to the lowest and the least, who loved in the face of hatred and pain. Thank you for Christ's love which continues to rise from the dead, breaking out of places where we see only death and destruction.
- 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, 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 particularly think of Quaker pastor **David Nagel, his wife Beth and their two children** in Oklahoma.
- We pray for **Amos Bales** as the doctors work to figure out which foods are causing allergic reactions for him. Help there be no more surprises or foods added to the list. We are grateful that he is still able to get a flu shot despite an egg allergy.
- We pray for **our planet**. The numbers of fires, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters caused by climate change are overwhelming. Help us to take better care of our planet. Show us clearly what we must change in our collective life together. Give us the strength and will to do so.
- We pray for the **upcoming election**. May there be a peaceful transition of power. Protect the process from interference and uncertainty.
- We ask for jobs for all those who have lost them in the economic downturn. Provide good **work for all who are looking**. May it pay well and provide the benefits they need.
- We pray for the **friends and family of Breonna Taylor**. Our heart breaks that our country continues to be unable to supply justice for black people who are victims of state violence. Make us part of a fundamental change in our country against racism, white supremacy and police brutality.
- **Bless us with love**, merciful God; that we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring and love to all. Compassionate One, grant compassion unto us; that we may help all fellow souls in need.

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