

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
October 18, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation

Prayer

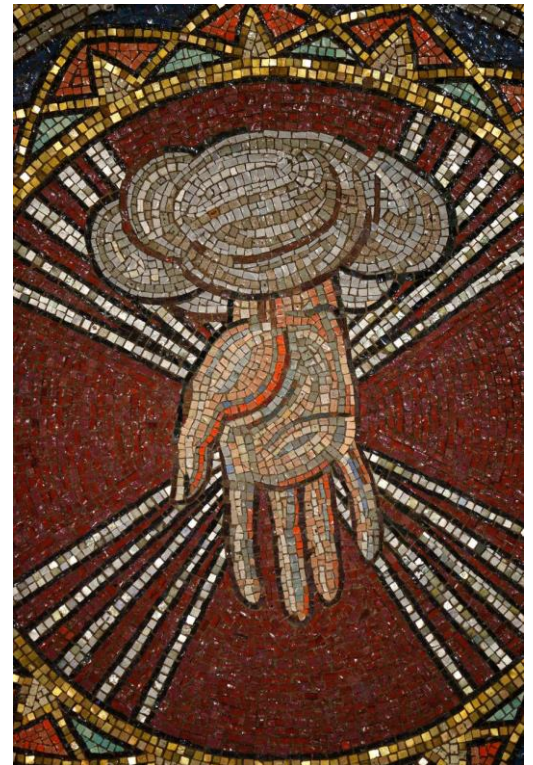
Hymn - Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayers attend; Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success.
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour; Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty,
May we in glory see,
And to eternity, Love and adore.



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

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 - Canticle Of The Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

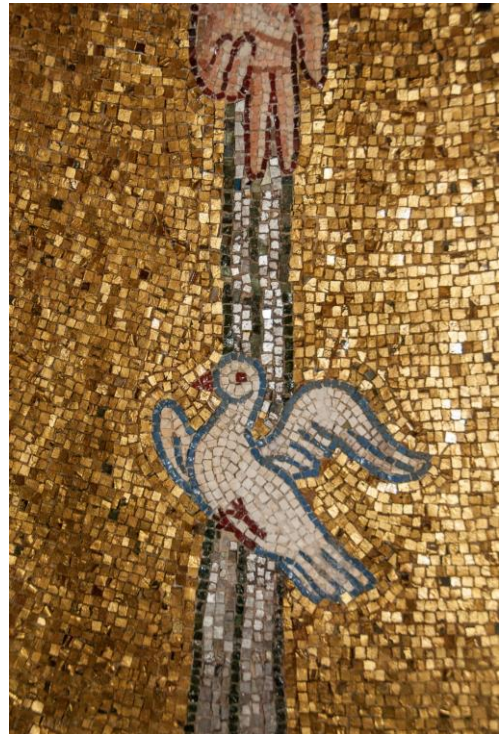
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

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And the world is about to turn!

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!



Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.



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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

Today, we will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 PM.**

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.

Where does Quakers' call to lobby for peace and justice come from? What do those origins have to say to Friends carrying their concerns into the world today? Quaker writer and speaker Marge Abbott considers these questions. In conversation with Katie Breslin, Marge will discuss Friends' historically complex relationship with law and government and what that history offers to Friends wrestling with these same questions today. **Friends Committee on National Legislation**, Online, **October 21, at 3:30 p.m. (Pacific)**. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Friends United Meeting will host another International Prayer Gathering on **October 30 at 9:00 AM**. Join Friends around the world to gather as a global community, to hear the voices of Friends, and pray together. Access Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81195904675> Meeting ID: 811 9590 4675 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81195904675>

Saturday November 14 at 4:00 PM- All Ages and Stages Worship. Worship designed with everyone in mind. Participate in prayer, scripture reading and waiting worship focused around thankfulness and gratitude.

Sunday November 22 at 11:00 AM- Worship with Whittier First Friends Church with speaker Vanessa Julye, Nurturing Ministries Coordinator, Ministry on Racism and Youth Ministries Programs at Friends General Conference

Are you seeking to simplify your life and take personal steps to create right relationship with our world? If so, you may want to participate in this workshop offered by Right Sharing of World Resources via Zoom:

The Power of Enough - Thursdays from October 22nd to November 19th, 2020

4:30-6:00 PM Pacific Time / 7:30-9:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Participants will experience new perspectives through queries, storytelling, sharing, and singing.

Attendees will leave with a deeper sense of self and connection to how our personal choices ripple forward to others. [Click here for more information.](#)

Thursday November 26 at 10:00 AM- Brief gathering for Thanksgiving prayer. More details to come.

The School of the Spirit is seeking a new administrator. The position is part time, with \$27,000 annual recompense. They have no geographical requirement for this person. Their last administrator lived in Durham, NC, and their current one lives in Lancaster, PA. [Click here for more information.](#)

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 October 18, 2020

- **We thank you that we belong to you.** Your stamp is on our lives. Your love and compassion is built into us. Your mercy and hope flow through us. We celebrate your powerful presence and rejoice in all the opportunities you give us to serve.

- 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, Faith's cousin Vicki, David Thompson, Veneita Porter** and **Stanley Chagala Ngesa**.
- 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 safety for all during **fire season**. Keep fires from starting. Prevent them from growing. Give fire fighters the strength and resources they need to address those fires as they develop. May people's homes and lives be spared. Let this be a wake up call for us to change the ways we live.
- We continue to pray for **April** in the conflict with her neighbors. Bring resolution and peace to that situation. Give April a clear path forward. Help her to feel safe and secure in her home.
- We grieve the passing of **Lorring's sister Candace** after a complicated illness. Help her family as they say good-bye. May Lorring feel your love and presence as he misses his sister.
- We pray against the evil systems that divide us by race and class in this country. We grieve the damage done by **racism, white supremacy and police brutality**. Make us repairers of the breach. Give us a clear vision on how to work against oppression together.
- We pray for the **upcoming election**. May it be peaceful and run smoothly. May all those who are able to vote be able to do so. Give us a clear outcome.
- **Move among us and awaken us to your loving presence**. When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions and our wisdom, call us back to you. Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy. Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness, following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives. May our days be filled with joy and hope as we share the good news of abundant life that comes from following Jesus Christ.



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