

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

Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!



Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

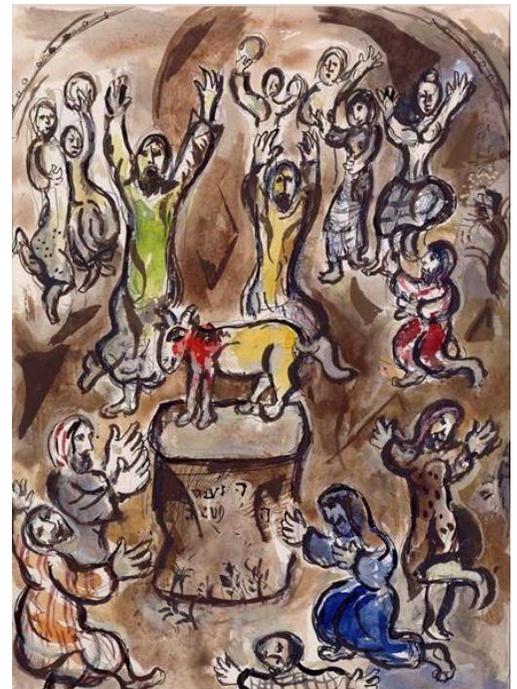
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All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
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Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Exodus 32:1-14

Message - "These Are Your Gods" - 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 - I Sing For You

I sing for you
I sing for what is holy and is true
I sing for all creation, for life and liberation
Every day anew
[x4]



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.

FCNL will be cohosting a webinar on October 14 at 1:00 PM (Eastern), on the unique needs for addressing domestic violence in indigenous communities. Tribal advocates are working hard to resolve this crisis, but they need help—both from Congress and from the wider public. Co-sponsored by Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, it will feature speakers from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. [Register here.](#)

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute 2020 is online **November 14–17**. Register by **October 16**. [Click here for more information.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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 October 11, 2020

- We **thank you for the powerful warmth of your love** for us. You are with us, healing and restoring our lives and bringing us peace. This is the good news from you, our persistent and patient God.
- 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, 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 rejoice that **Sebastian**, Dianna's friend who was a victim of gun violence, was able to move his toe this week. Continue the process of healing and gaining strength. Encourage him as he is on a long road of recovering and adjusting.

- We pray for safety for **Brenda Kelley** as she flies this week to come join Faith and Micah for a few months. Protect her from infection and may the trip go smoothly. May her time in California be enjoyable and full of connection.
- We pray for **Christians across the world who face persecution** because of their faith. Protect them and strength them as they stand for the truth. May they have the freedom to follow you. Make them examples of love and forgiveness even in the midst of trial.
- We ask that **Veneita Porter's** knee surgery on Monday go smoothly. May she have the support and help she needs as she recovers. Allow her to rest and heal quickly. Soothe any anxiety she might be feeling as she heads to the hospital.
- We pray for the **indigenous people of our land, especially the Ohlone and Chochenyo**. Those of us who are not American Indian repent of the ways that each of us has prospered at their expense. Show us a way towards justice and reconciliation.
- We implore you to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. **Light a fire under us** that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope.



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