

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
October 25, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

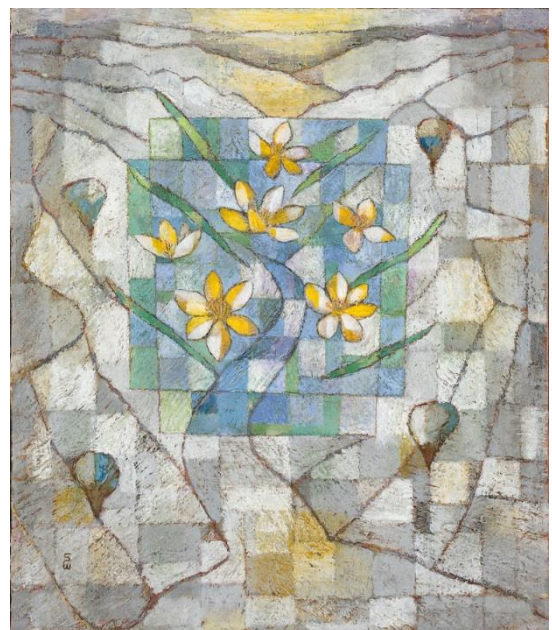
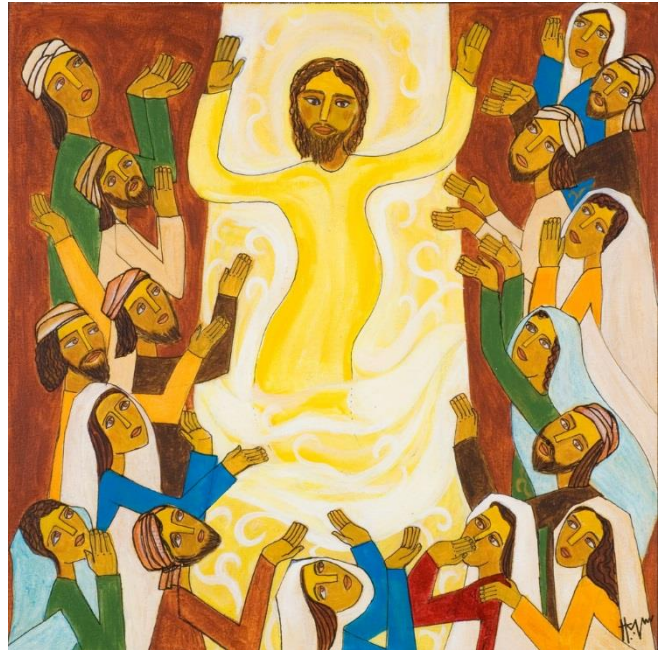
[Chorus]

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

[Chorus]

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

[Chorus]



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Luke 12:22-34, 1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Message - "The present form of this world is passing away" - 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 - It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river at tendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
What ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

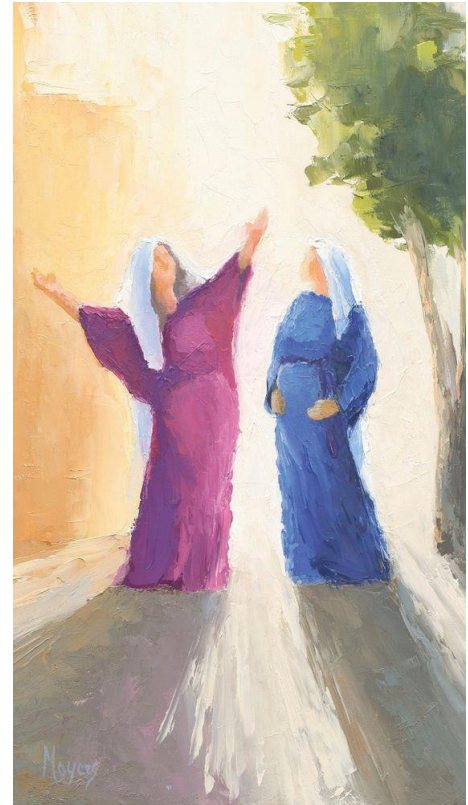
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, tho trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.



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.

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 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., join Friends around the world for the fourth session of **Friends World Committee for Consultation's** Quaker Conversations Webinar Series. This time we will be exploring "Speaking Truth to Power during a Pandemic: A Quaker Scientist's Reflections." [Click here for more information.](#)

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.

Way of the Spirit Mini-Course – Listen - Tune Your Inner Ears to the Spirit, an online mini-course from the Quaker Way of the Spirit program: How are your spiritual ears handling the noise, suffering, and uncertainty of this fall? How are you sorting inner Holy guidance from other loud and urgent influences? All of us can learn to better recognize and follow the inward promptings of the Spirit through the tumult. It might matter now more than ever. An online mini-course from the Quaker-based, Way of the Spirit program invites all to grow in inward attentiveness that integrates outward actions in the Spirit of Love. LISTEN—Personal Spiritual Awareness and Discernment - **Nov 21, Dec 5 & 12, 2020, 9:30am -1:30 pm, Pacific Time.** Three Saturday mornings of interactive learning, reflection, and prayer online through Zoom videoconferencing. Click here for more information.

<https://goodnewsassoc.org/spirit/>

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

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

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 25, 2020

- We **thank you for the tiny acts of grace we see each day.** They point us to your might and wide love for us.
- 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 **Faith's second cousin Ashley and her husband.**
- We ask for continued healing for **Veneita Porter** as she continues to heal from her knee surgery. Allow her to go home soon, for her strength to return and for her to be comfortable as she rests.
- We pray for the at least **545 immigrant children** who years after being separated from their parents are still apart. We ask that they quickly be returned to their families. Keep them safe in the places they are now. Prevent our country from separating any more children from their parents as a part of our immigration system.
- We pray for all **those American who have lost jobs** in the last 7 months. Help them to find meaningful, sustaining work to do. Give them resilience and fortitude in a time when it can be difficult to persevere.
- We ask that all **those who are hungry** in our community will be fed. Give them what they need. May they easily be able to receive nutritious and delicious food. We pray for the work of the **Berkeley Food Pantry.** Thank you for the staff and volunteers. Give them energy and keep them safe as they do the important work for sharing your bounty with others.
- You planted us by living water, that we might be rooted in righteousness. You call us to be holy as you are holy. Assured of your love, **help us to cast aside all fear,** that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.



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