

**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church  
November 1, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Presider - Steve Sims**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - Fairest Lord Jesus!**

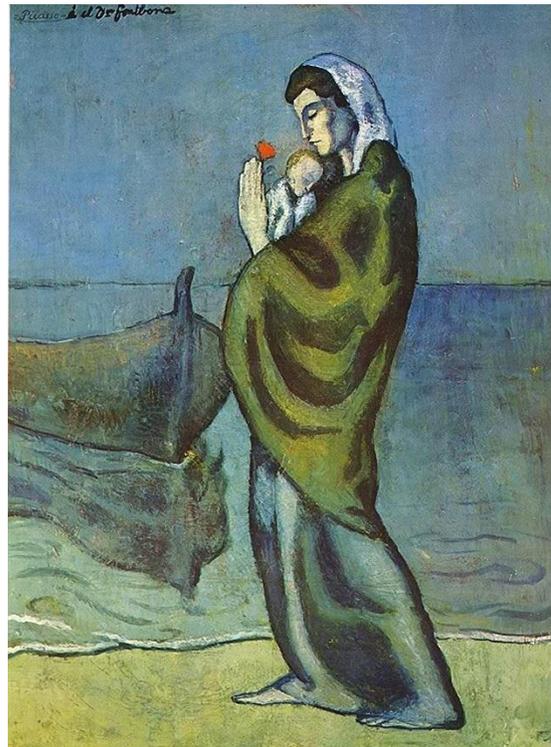
Fairest Lord Jesus!  
Ruler of all nature!  
O Thou of God and man the Son!  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown!

Fair are the meadows  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.

**Praises & Petitions**



Scripture - Acts 5:1-11

Message - "Faith and Stewardship" - Tom Laxar

### 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.*

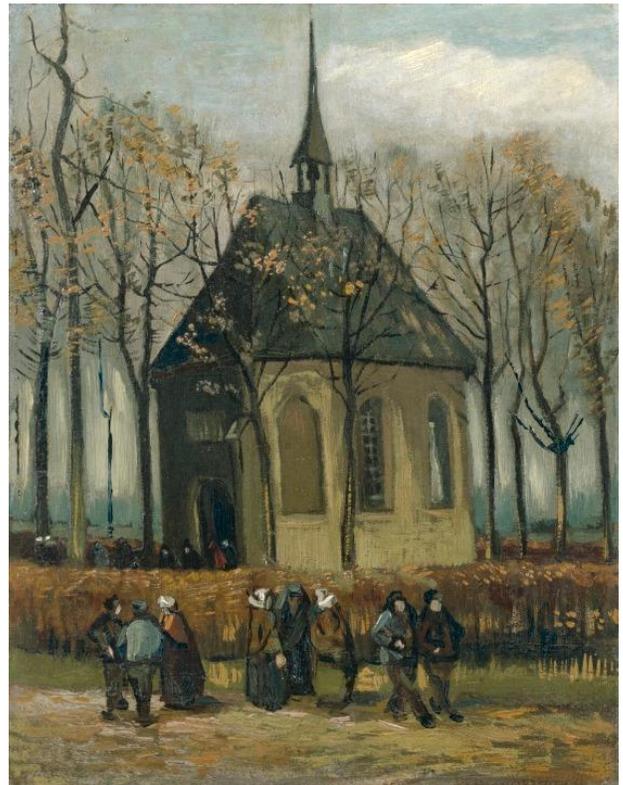
### Hymn - Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia  
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Where two or three are gathered in my name  
There am I in their midst,  
And whatsoever ye shall ask I will do.  
Allelu Alleluia."

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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

**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.

Please join the **Poor People's Campaign each day at 9:00am** as we praying for the election on Tuesday. Videos and sermons in support of this effort to hold our nation in prayer can be found [here](#)."

**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](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

**Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church  
November 1, 2020**

- We thank you that you make the shamed beautiful, make the broken whole and make the darkness turn and flee. We dance because we have been set free.
- 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 thank you for all those **faithful people who have followed you in the generations before**. We know that our community is built on their work and perseverance. You led them and you continue to lead us. May their lives be an encouragement and comfort to us.
- We pray for **our beautiful, unique planet**. You have given us care over the earth and yet we continue to damage and exploit it. Show us how to care for our home, your beautiful creation.
- We pray for the **US election** on Tuesday. May all those who are able to vote be allowed to do so. May that day and the next few weeks be free of violence. Give all of us wisdom as we seek to support justice and freedom. Bind us together as a community in this uncertain, troubling time. May we rest in your peace.
- You provide everything for us. We are only stewards of your gifts. **May we give freely and generously of all we have**. Show us the care and support that we owe to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- You provide rushing waters to quench our thirst. You shower us with love and guidance. You give us gifts for healing and building. Forgive us the very many times we have not recognized your provision. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace. Embrace us, the apathetic and ignorant ones, the angry and greedy, with your mercy and justice that we **may grow in your spirit to live lives of great compassion and witness to your love and power for all people**.

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