

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

Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation - Epistle 227 – George Fox

Prayer

Hymn - This Is The Day Of Light

This is the day of light:
Let there be light today;
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
And chase the gloom away.

This is the day of rest:
Our failing strength renew;
On weary brain and troubled breast
Shed Thou Thy freshening dew.

This is the day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill;
Bid Thou the blasts of discord cease,
The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer:
Let earth to heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek Thee there,
Come down to meet us here.

This is the first of days;
Send forth Thy quickening breath,
And wake dead souls to love and praise,
O Vanquisher of death!

Scripture - Psalm 90:1-12

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



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

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

Casting Call: We need you! BFC is putting on an intergenerational Christmas pageant, "Do Not Be Afraid." We are looking for actors of all ages to record a short scene with members of their household or bubble. The recording will be played during worship on Sunday December 20. Reach out to Faith Kelley with questions or fill out [the interest form](#).

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.

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

Gathered and Grateful on Thanksgiving Thursday November 26 at 10:00 AM. In person at the meeting house! We will gather for 30 minutes of prayer and waiting worship together in gratitude to God on Thanksgiving morning. Come and start your holiday focused on thanking our creator and redeemer for all we have been given. Please remember these safety precautions as you join us: Masks are required. Please stay home if you or someone in your household has a fever, cough or any other possible Covid symptoms. We will be sitting six feet apart in the fellowship hall. We will not be singing together. If guidance from county health officials around worshipping in person changes, this even will be moved online.

Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM on December 24 on Zoom. Engage with the Christmas story, sing songs and rejoice that God with us and so we fear not! A time for people of all ages as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

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 November 15, 2020

- We **thank you that throughout all our days, you have been with 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, 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 grieve all those who have died and ask for an end to this pandemic.

- We are grateful that **David** is well enough to live on his own again. Help him to continue to recover his strength and stamina. Keep him healthy.
- We pray for those of us **who are experiencing homelessness**, especially as the weather turns colder. Provide safe shelter for all who need it. Keep our society from accepting that homelessness is normal or okay.
- We pray for **Hal** on the death of his mother. Comfort him and his family in their grief. Help the memories of her to be a salve on the wound that is her loss. May Hal find peace and rest in you as he mourns.
- We pray for **peace**- in our neighborhoods, country and throughout the world. You are the Prince of Peace, who takes away the occasion for all wars. Help us to rid the world of the violence that is destroying it. Make us peacemakers and reconcilers.
- **Clear our minds** of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service.



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