

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
November 29, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Presider - Robbie Williams

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of ev 'ry longing heart.

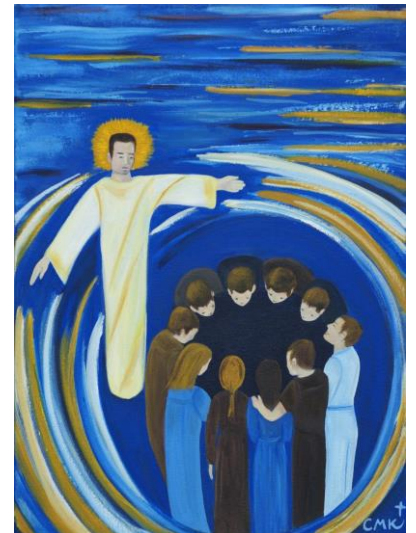
Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us for ever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.

Praises & Petitions

Hymn - Musical Offering

Scripture - 1 Samuel 2:1

Message - "My Rock and My Salvation" - John Maurer



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 - 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.

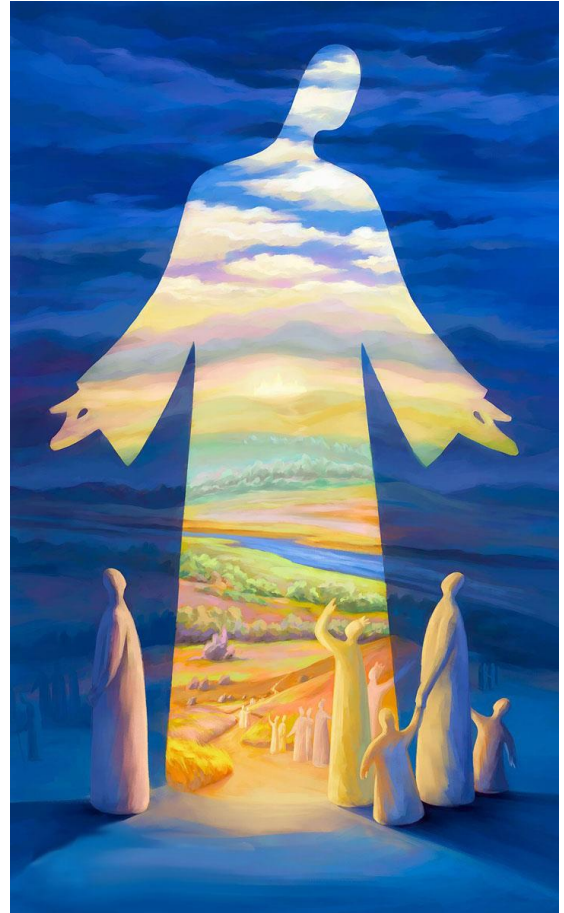
[Chorus]

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]



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.

Acting 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](#).

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 29, 2020

- We **thank you for your loving presence in our lives**. You have formed us in your image and you continue to transform us as we grow in faith. Break through the darkness in our lives and let the light of your love flood in, that we may become more productive disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 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 pray for **peace in the world**. Between nations. In our cities. In our homes. Bring about the kind of justice and reconciliation that bring about harmony. Make us peacemakers, your children of love in the world.
- We ask for **a sense of expectant waiting** in this period of the year that often encourages us to rush from one thing to another. May we learn to sit, ready to hear from you in our hearts. Give us the faith to trust in your coming presence among us.

- We pray for **all those of us who are looking for work** in this difficult time. Help them to find meaningful work. Help them make ends meet while they search. May we support each other during this time of economic turmoil.
- We ask for **justice for those of us who are Native American**. The United States has long created systems of death, destruction and genocide in order to grab land and resources. May we repent of our part in these systems. Show us a way forward together towards reconciliation.
- We pray for the **students** who continue with online education. This is not ideal and it is often difficult and inadequate. Help them to continue to love learning and to be supported in their needs. We pray for their **teachers**. Give them strength, wisdom and creativity. We pray for their **parents and other adults** who have to juggle school among many other things. Give them energy and patience.
- The news is a litany of things to fear that fills our heads with dread. **We wait for your help**. We hold on to you, believing in your ability to be born again even in times like these. Give us eyes to see your arriving. Give us ears to see your arriving as we hear prophets proclaim good news that the powerful will be brought down and those who live in poverty will rejoice. We long to touch the hem of your garment so that those we know who are sick could be healed, those who are grieving could be comforted. We long to taste your good news! In this season of growing darkness, keep our eyes fixed on the pinpoints of light, that shine and shine because nothing can put them out.

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