



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
December 13, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



Presider - Micah Bales

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
By faithful prophets sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.



Praises & Petitions

Musical Offering - What Child Is This? - Robbie Williams

Scripture - Luke 1:46-55, John 1:1-28

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 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, All loves excelling,
Joy of heaven To earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful Mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.



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.

Next Sunday, December 20 at 11:00 AM- Do Not Be Afraid! We will watching together the BFC Christmas pageant. We will also sing tons of Christmas songs and have open worship together.

After service, Dec 20, will be having our **Monthly Meeting for Business at 1:15 PM**.

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 December 13, 2020

- We **rejoice in your compassion for us**. You send us your light and your healing love so that we may become better representatives of you in this world which cries for justice and peace.
- 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 **Jayne's son Michael, Maya and Maya's mother Quincy** as they look for round the clock professional care for Quincy. Bring the right people into their lives. Support them during this time in which they are caring for her themselves in addition to their work and other commitments.
- We are grateful for the completion for the purchase of **the Kelley & Bales' family's new house**. Help them as they move over New Years. May their new home be a place of joy, love and welcome.

- We pray for **unity** among us. You call us to be one body, devoted to following you and serving the world. Draw us together in love and understanding. Give us a vision of what work you call us to do together.
- We ask for **comfort for all of us who are grieving**. Those who have lost loved ones to death. Those who are lonely. Those of us who can not be with their loved ones during Christmas. Those for whom 2020 has brought illness, unemployment, isolation and uncertainty. You are our rock and our comforter. May we be attuned to your presence.
- Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, **bringing us hope**. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ.

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