



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
January 3, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Good Christian Friends Rejoice

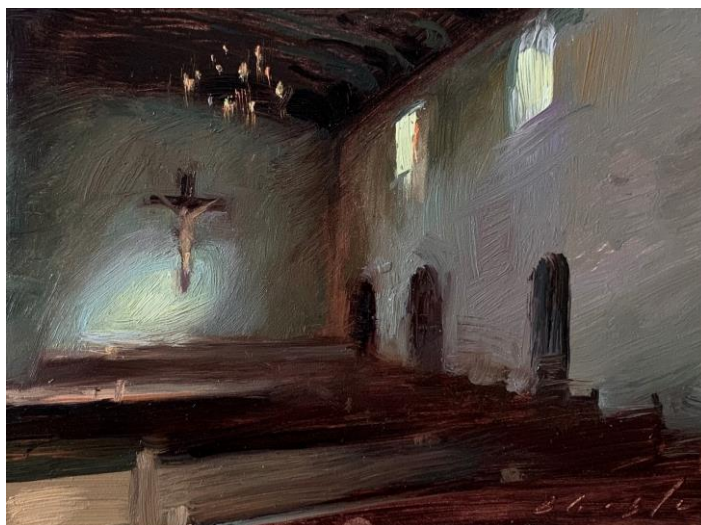
Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice!
O give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
And He is in the manger now!
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!



Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice!
Raise your weary hearts and see:
Jesus Christ has come to free!
When the captives find release,
In feet that bring the word of peace,
Christ has come to free! Christ has come to free!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice!
In the kind and just and true
Jesus Christ is born anew!
In the lowly, weak and poor,
The humble stranger at our door,
Christ is born anew! Christ is born anew!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice!
Still before us on the way,
Jesus Christ is here today!
In the breaking of the bread,
In life that cries out to the dead,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - John 1:1-18, Ephesians 1:3-14

Message - "Bearing Divine Light in Grace and Truth" - Charity Sandstrom

Open Worship

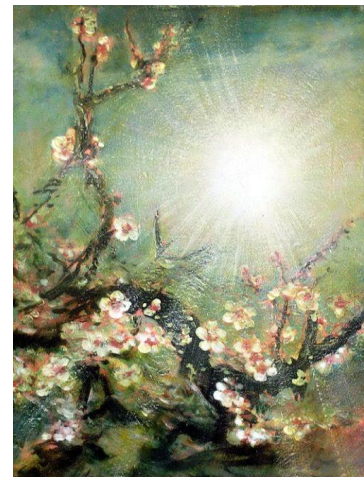
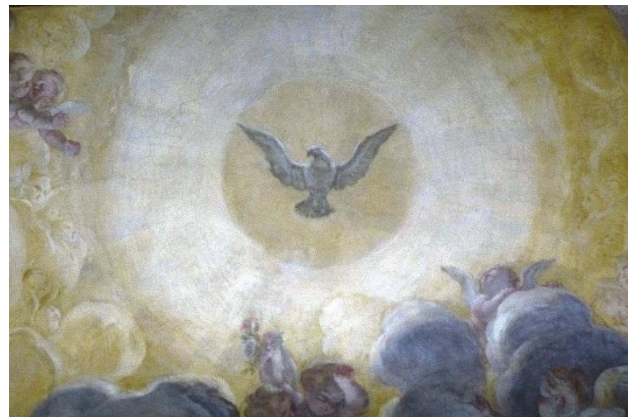
Christ is ministering to us in the silence. Nothing needs to be said, unless there is a clear leading to speak. After a period of centering down, if you feel a leading to speak, please be obedient to it: Speak clearly, loudly, and succinctly. Allow time for a message to settle before another message is offered.

Hymn - I Am The Light Of The World (The Work Of Christmas)

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nation,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music, make music, make music
From the heart.

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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.

Good News Associates is continuing their **Way of the Spirit** program.

The next three Saturday interactive online mini-course will be focused on "Forgive- Relationships in the Holy." **The sessions are 9:30-1:30 January 16, 30, and February 13, 2021.** To register and for more information, go to their [website](#).

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 January 3, 2021

- We **thank you for the last year, in all its beauty and all its challenges.** May we trust that you are at work in all that happens. That you are able to take the deepest darkness and shine light. That you come amidst chaos and loss to bring peace and strength.
- 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, Joe Bell 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 ask for safe travels and a smooth transition back to Kenya for **Stanley Chagala Ngesa.** Help him find the treatment he needs, wherever that may be. Show him was work you are calling him to in Kenya. Help him adjust to being home there after a long time away.

- We ask **blessings on the new year**. May we be faithful and loving presences in the world throughout the next twelve months. Whatever the future brings, may we trust in you and your promises.
- We pray for the **Kelley & Bales family** as they move into their new home. Help them to get settled quickly and for the new house to feel like a home.
- We bless you, Abba, Father, for you have visited your people in one like us in all things but sin, and in human fragility you have revealed the face of divinity. **Gather into your arms all the peoples of the world**, so that in your embrace we may find blessing, peace, and the fullness of our inheritance as your daughters and sons.



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