

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church March 28, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - All Glory Laud And Honor

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel Thou David's royal Son Who in the Lord's name comest The King and Blessed One

(Refrain)

The company of angels Are praising Thee on high And mortal men and all things Created make reply

(Refrain)

To Thee, before Thy passion They sang their hymns of praise To Thee, now high exalted Our melody we raise

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Mark 11:1-11

Message - "Are We There Yet?" - Micah Bales





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 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state, Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice, And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.





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 (mark envelope - Attn: Asst. Treasurer) 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.

PECSC Committee Meeting

When Sun Mar 28, 2021 1pm – 3pm Pacific Time - Los Angeles

Where https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82860601607?pwd=Slh5WHkxalVmdGcvQnZSSzVUWUF5UT09 (map)

Who • bfctrustees@gmail.com - organizer

Berkeley Friends Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/i/82860601607?pwd=Slh5WHkxalVmdGcvQnZSSzVUWUF5UT09 Meeting ID: 828 6060 1607 Passcode: 94702 One tap mobile +16699009128,,82860601607#,,,,*94702# US (San Jose) +13462487799,,82860601607#,,,,*94702# US (Houston) Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) Meeting ID: 828 6060 1607 Passcode: 94702 Find your local number: https://uso2web.zoom.us/u/krHYUfl81

2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk:

The 2021 Berkeley Crop Hunger Walk will be a seven day virtual walk. The kick-off will be on Sunday May 2nd and the walk will last until Saturday, May 8th. All funds raised will go to Church World Service (or partner organization if you wish), Berkeley Food Pantry, Youth Spirit Artworks, and Dorothy Day House of Berkeley. Please join the virtual walk or donate to a walker by visiting <u>CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley</u> Quakers . Please also follow us on Facebook: <u>CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley CA</u> and Instagram: <u>Berkeley</u> <u>CROP Walk</u>

Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 8:00 PM. Between the highs of Palm Sunday and Easter, we will focus together on the dark, despairing parts of the story of Jesus. Together we will sing, hear the accounts of the night Jesus was betrayed and crucified and spend time in open worship.

Follow the Life in Prayer and Spiritual Practice, April 3, 17, May 8th: The heart of Quaker life is inward prayer and awareness of the Life within and between us. An online mini-course explores spiritual awareness through varied prayer styles and tools with the Way of the Spirit, a Quaker program for prayer and learning. Quaker guest speakers share experiences. Small group, highly participatory program: https://goodnewsassoc.org/spirit/

Citizens Climate Lobby is, once again, hosting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. This year's online program features films about frontline communities fighting for environmental justice and restoration and will be held on **Earth Day, April 22, at 7 PM.** One of the films being show is "In the Land of My Ancestors". In addition, attendees will receive a bonus session of on-demand access to "Wildlife at the Edge" featuring the full-length, award-winning film, "Entangled", as well as several other films about endangered wildlife, from pangolins to snow leopards. You can see information on all twenty of the films for the festival go to <u>tinyurl.com/wsffca21</u>. \$5/discount code: CCLALA. **All of the films will be available for streaming from April 23- April 27.**

Joe Bell's memorial service will be held at the meeting house on Sat., April 24. More information to follow.

Happy Hour Hangout on Friday April 30 at 8:00 PM. Come, chat and catch up with folks from BFC. No agenda. Just a time to talk and socialize on Zoom.

Virtual Singalong Concert- You are invited to take part in a virtual singalong concert as a benefit for <u>Project</u> <u>Voice</u>, an immigration justice program of the American Friends Service Committee. **Repairing the Breach: Songs for the Journey Saturday, May 15 - 7:00 pm** Pacific Time. Info & tickets at: <u>riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest</u>

Registration for **Friends United Meeting's annual Stoking the Fire Retreat: Hope and Light** is open. The retreat will be **May 21–23, 2021** and held on zoom. A <u>schedule and registration</u> can be found on the FUM 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 March 28, 2021

- We **thank you for your power in our lives.** Even when we feel weak and uncertain, you hold us up and give us 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: Charles Blue and Janice Wells.
- We pray for all **those who are sick with Covid**. May they get the care they need. May their symptoms be mild and pass quickly. Protect all those whose work makes them risk infection-doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, bus drivers, grocery store workers and daycare workers. Help everyone who wants to get vaccinated quickly. May those of us waiting our turn be patient. Help us all to continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus.
- We pray for the **victims of gun violence**. We particularly remember those killed in Boulder and in Atlanta. Draw our attention also to the less publicized acts of violence committed with guns. Help us be advocates for peace in our communities. Give us the tools we need to build consensus around gun control measures that will make a difference in our country.
- We ask for your **wisdom as we steward the resources you have given us** as a community. Show us your will for our building, it's use and how to best care for it. May Trustees have the energy, focus and support they need as they do this work.
- We pray for **those of us who are lonely**. This has been a year of so much separation, particularly for those of us who live alone. Remind us that you are always present. Gives us ways to connect with each other.
- We pray for **our planet**. As spring comes and new life is all around us, may we rejoice in the beauty of the world you have made. Make us good caretakers of it.
- Today as we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we confess that we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. **Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you**. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives.

