



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**March 7, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider - Steve Sims**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn;  
one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!

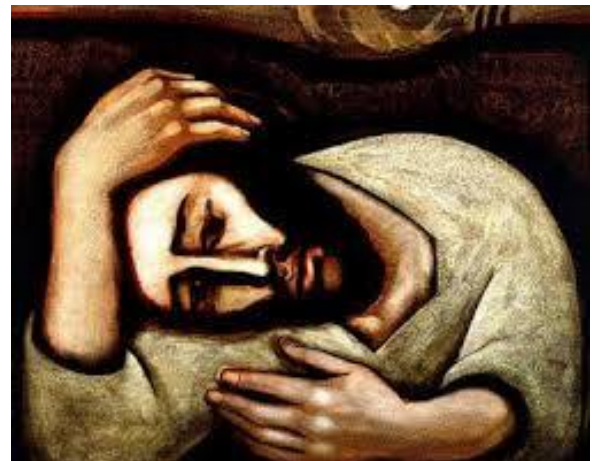
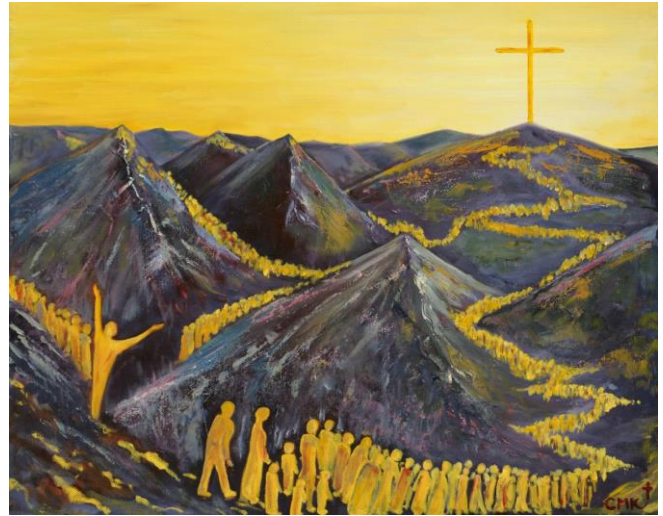
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**Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture - Psalms 31:9-10, Isaiah 43:1-4, Matthew 11:28-30**

**Message - "Come as you are!" - Donna 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 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Parent  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be  
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

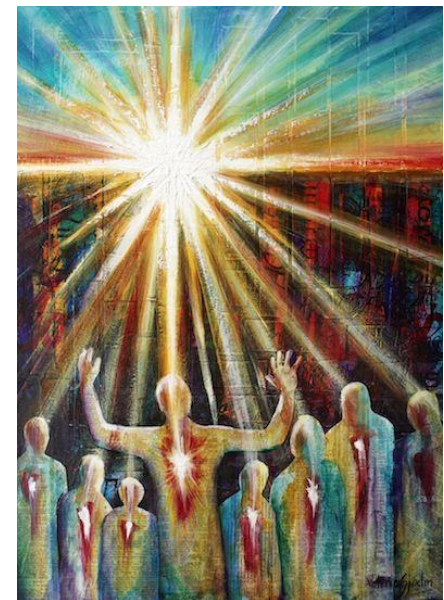
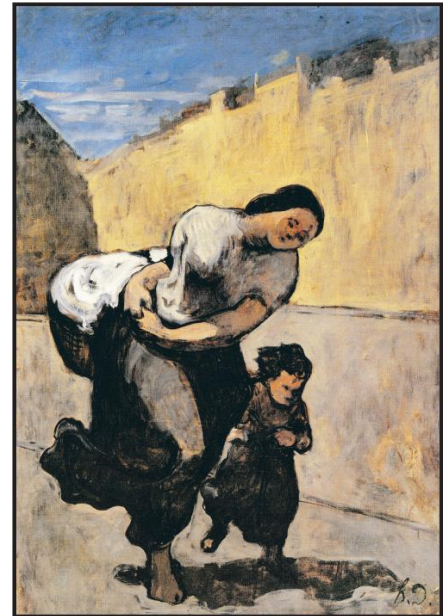
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

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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 (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.

**Intergenerational Worship on Sunday March 14 at 11:00.** Join us for a special time designed for everyone to engage and worship together. We will have singing, activities and a shortened sermon and time of waiting worship.

**Section of the Americas Section Meetings - March 12-21, 2021** - The Section Meeting is the biggest conference organized by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas. It is held every two years. All Friends are welcome to attend! Normally we meet in person, but this year that is not possible, so we will recreate as much of the experience as we can online. The schedule includes opportunities for worship, workshops, business sessions, and small group activities. It is a great opportunity to get to know and connect with more Friends from North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean and to learn more about the Friends World Committee! [Click here for more information.](#)

**Mundy 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.

If you would like an updated pdf version of the BFC 2021 Directory, please request by email at: [office@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:office@berkeleyfriendschurch.org). Hard copies are available at the BFC office.

Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at [pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org](mailto:pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org) and follow us on Facebook.

## Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church March 7, 2021

- We **thank you for showing steadfast love.** In love, you sent Jesus to bless and redeem your people. You forgive us our sins and restore us to new life. We rejoice in your mercy.
- 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, 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 us to come together as a community with each of us doing our part to slow and stop the infection of others.
- We pray for **Rebecca** as she starts a new work schedule with 12 hour shifts. Please help her in this transition. Make it so that it works well for her mind and her body so that she might do her work well.
- We grieve the loss of **Dianna Horne's sister.** Please comfort her family, wrap them up in your love and help them through their sadness.
- We pray for the **Kelley & Bales family** as they adjust to Brenda being back in Ohio. Give them strength, patience and energy to get through the day. Help them find a new balance and alignment without the extra adult in the house. May Brenda not feel too lonely as she gets used to living by herself again.
- We pray that the **Covid vaccine** will be administered equitably and quickly. Help those most in need to get it. Help our leaders and administrators to have wisdom as they make choices on how to allocate the doses. May production ramp up quickly and people be willing to get the shots when it is their turn.
- We pray for **all of us who feel at the end of their rope.** Every one of us who just can't handle one more thing. Give us rest and strength. Create room for us to breath. Give each of us the support we need to make it through the day.
- We have cluttered our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. **Give us clean hearts and spirits.** Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love.

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