



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
April 25, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

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]



Praises & Petitions

Scripture - John 10:11-18

Message - "The Good Shepherd" - 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 - The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.



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.

Memorial service for Joe Bell will be held at the meeting house on **Sat., April 24 at 10AM**. Please remember to wear masks, keep social distance and stay home if you or anyone in your household is sick.

It would be helpful if you are planning on coming, to let me know so that we can set up the Fellowship Hall for the right number of people. But please come whether you've RSVP'd or not.

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 [CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley Quakers](#)** . Please also follow us on Facebook: [CROP Hunger Walk - Berkeley CA](#) and Instagram: [Berkeley CROP Walk](#)

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 tinyurl.com/wsffca21. \$5/discount code: CCLALA. **All of the films will be available for streaming from April 23- April 27.**

Register to join FCNL's April Quaker Changemaker event: "[How Quakers are Working for Climate Justice](#)" on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. EDT. Our speakers include Beverly G. Ward, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting field secretary for earthcare, and Lina Blount, an organizer, trainer, and nonviolent action strategist who has been working on environmental justice campaigns in the Philadelphia area for over a decade. In discussion with FCNL's lead environmental lobbyist, Clarence Edwards, these Friends will talk about their experiences, goals, and concerns in pursuing "an earth restored."

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.

The Future of Worship: Hybrid, Online, & In Person- A conversation among Western Quaker Meetings on May 7th to 9th, 2021. Quaker Center & Western Friend are inviting representatives from western Quaker meetings and other Friends for an online gathering to explore 'ways that are opening' for Quakers to worship together as and after pandemic restrictions are lifted. [Registration here.](#)

Virtual Singalong Concert- You are invited to take part in a virtual singalong concert as a benefit for [Project Voice](#), 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: riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest

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 [schedule and registration](#) 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 April 25, 2021

- We **thank you for your loving care.** We are sheep of your pasture, you know us by name.
- 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, Donna Bales, Jayne's relative Quincy** 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 **Donna Bales** as she continues her cancer treatment. As she and her doctors balance complex medical needs, help them to make decisions about her care. Give her a sense of peace and direction as she seeks out the best way forward.
- We thank you for the beginning of **accountability in the murder of George Floyd.** May it be of some comfort to his family. May we as a country repent of the racism and violence that keeps us from living as you call us to. Stop the brutality against those of us who are African American. Show us a better way forward.
- We ask for **your direction as we begin to plan for returning to worship in person** and try to balance the space needs of the worshiping community, the food pantry and the preschool. Guide us through this transition. May we trust you, trust the process and trust each other. Give us love and patience for each other.

- Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. **Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life**, that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors.



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