

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



Presider - John Maurer

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia

Where two or three are gathered in my name There am I in their midst, And whatsoever ye shall ask I will do. Allelu Alleluia."

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Praises & Petitions

Scripture - John 6:1-21

Message - "Landfall" - 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 - Oh For A Heart To Praise My God

Oh, for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free, A heart that always feels they love So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek, My dear Redeemer's throne; Where only Christ is heard to speak, Where God reigns alone.

A heart in every thought renewed, And filled with love divine; Perfect and right, and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart, Come quickly from above; Write Thy new name upon my heart, Thy new name of Love.





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

Sermon by Phone - Listen to the sermon each week on the website or our sermon by phone service. To listen to the sermon on your phone, **call 510-201-9143** at any time to hear each week's message. New sermons are uploaded on Sunday afternoons.

Bible Study starts 7:30 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. You do not need to have read or have a copy of the book available as we read a discussion and then discuss. We are discussing the book - **Jesus and Nonviolence by Walter Wink.** In this book Wink argues that Christian tradition of nonviolence is needed as

an alternative to the dominant and death-dealing powers of our consumerist culture and fractured world. While you can join Bible Study any time, the start of a new book is a great time to start attending.

Sunday August 1 at 11:00 AM we will join Whittier First Friends for their worship. Lynda Ladwig will be preaching.

Sunday August 8 at 11:00 AM we will hold our next Intergenerational Worship focused this time on God's faithful, continued presence with us wherever we go. Join us for songs, prayers and discussion along with a brief period of open worship and sermon.

The <u>Quaker Religious Education Collaborative</u> is hosting an online conference, August 13-15, 2021: Integrating Lessons Learned and Leadings that Light the Way. The Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) is a grassroots network of Friends holding a sense of stewardship for life-long Quaker faith formation through religious education. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

Friends United Meeting's International Prayer Gathering will meet on Zoom at 9:00 AM Pacific on Friday August 20. Join Quakers from around the world in prayer and sharing each other's concerns. Join us on Zoom at: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81401601535 Or call 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 814 0160 1535

Open Worship Sunday will be August 22 (instead of the normal third Sunday of the month). Come enjoy an extended period of waiting worship as we collectively listen for God's message to us.

Barclay Press and **Pendle Hill** are collaborating on the *Illuminate* Summer Speaker Series, 2nd and 4th Mondays, June 14 to August 23, 7:30–9 p.m. ET via Zoom. Join us for a series of evening discussions with authors of the Barclay Press *Illuminate* Friends Bible study summer curriculum on Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

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 July 25, 2021

- We thank you that your love is our firm foundation and by faith we may be rooted deeply in you. May we know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. May we attain the fullness of being, the fullness of life that God brings.
- 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 around the world. May the vaccine be distributed more quickly and equitably. Gives us wisdom and peace as we begin to return to some of our before-time routines. Protect those who can't get vaccinated from infection, particularly from the Delta strain.

- We ask for comfort for the Kelley & Bales family as they mourn the loss of their pregnancy. Help
 Faith to heal and physically recover from the miscarriage. May Faith and Micah hold onto each
 other in their grief. We thank you for the time that Micah can take off from work during this period
 of loss.
- We thank you for the medical staff at Sutter Hospital who cared for **Dianna Horne** recently. We
 prayer that she is able to rest at home so she will be strong enough for the next stage of her
 recovery, including the possibility of a heart valve replacement in the next few months.
- We pray for **Jayne and Jay** as they head to the east coast to begin a period of biolocating between there and here. May they enjoy being near their family. May their drive across the country be uneventful and enjoyable. Help them to adjust in this period of transition.
- We pray for our planet, so scarred from our use and abuse. We see the symptoms of our selfishness- **floods in China and Germany, fires in the American West.** We pray for all those affected by these disasters and those lives lost. May this be a wake up call so that we might change the way we live on this world.
- We pray for **students and teachers** as they enjoy their last few weeks of summer. May they feel refreshed and ready to enter their next year at school. Prepare safe and enriching places for them for the next year.
- Lord, from emptiness, you create substance— when we hunger, you fill us from your abundance; when all seems lost, you bring hope and salvation, you make possible the impossible. We are overcome with joy, but we are also terrified of your power. Calm and strengthen our hearts as we hear your assurance, "It is I: Do not be afraid."

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