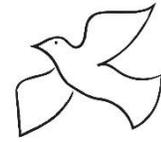




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
July 4, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Praises & Petitions

Scripture - John 14:15-27

Worship Sharing

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 Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.



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.

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. [Click here for more information.](#)

Friend United Meeting's next International Prayer Gathering will be July 9 at 9:00 AM Pacific on Zoom. Gather as a global Quaker community, to hear the voices of Friends, and pray together. Access

Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81401601535> Or call: 929-205-6099. Enter Meeting ID: 814 0160 1535

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 4, 2021

- We **thank you for your continued presence with us**, that leads and guides us each day if we will listen and be attentive.
- 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 healing and a quick recovery for **Bill Burks**, Donna Bales' boyfriend, from an infection and other medical concerns. May he be able to rest and regain his strength. May **Donna** have a smooth journey to California this week and enjoy her time with the Kelley & Bales household.
- We pray against the **rise in violence directed against Asian American Pacifica Islander members of our community.** Protect those of us who are AAPI. Dismantle the structures of inequality and discrimination that allow these kind of attacks to happen. Show each of us what is our part to play addressing systemic racism.
- We pray for **peace** in those areas of the world wracked by violence and conflict. We especially remember the violent crackdowns on protests in **Eswatini**, continued clashes between **Israelis and Palestinians** and the **US strikes in Iraq and Syria.** Stop the killing. Bring people together to address the conflicts without the use of arms and destruction. You are the Prince of Peace and we pray that we might be faithful followers in your way.
- We pray for **those of us who are struggling with our mental health.** We ask that you bring healing to those who are experiencing anxiety, depression, addiction and other illnesses. May they quickly find the care they need. May they feel supported.
- We pray for **our country** on this, the anniversary of its founding. Give our leaders wisdom and a desire for justice and mercy. May we become more and more aligned with our espoused ideals. May we seek forgiveness and change in those areas in which we have failed to protect and welcome all.
- We rest in the knowledge that **wherever we are, there shall you be also.** You are with us always, for yours is a loyalty that surpasses the greatest love we have ever known. It is a loyalty that persists through all terrors; survives, despite all betrayals; and endures, for all generations. Let this

loyalty of yours — so unknown, so strange — arouse in us the courage to surrender to you our weakness, that you might make it our strength. Grant us the humility to yield to you our power, that you might fill it with grace. And endow us with the confidence to submit to you our will, that you might adapt it to your purpose.

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