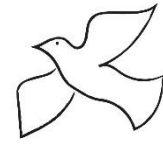




Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
August 29, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Louise Neal

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Old Hundred

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forthtell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

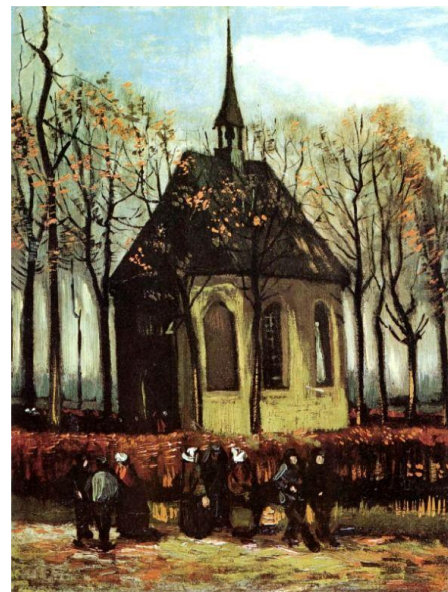
Praises & Petitions

Scripture - James 1:17-27

Message - “Good Fruit” - Faith Kelley

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 -Create In Me A Clean Heart, Oh God

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord
Take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation.
And renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

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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

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.

Today, August 29 at 2:00PM, we will be remembering John Maurer. RSVP for in person attendance, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-meeting-for-john-maurer-registration-167504760247> , or join by zoom with this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85071646167?pwd=ZVJoNmgtUzZsSm03aktmU0ZxNmM2QT09#success>

The Renovare Book Club has selected the **Journal of John Woolman** as one of their books for this next session. Former Quaker Heritage Day speaker Jon Kershner will be facilitating the discussion of that book. Discussion are online live and through chat. Membership costs \$40 without the books. [Find more information here.](#)

Registration is open for a Fall 2021 online course starting Tuesday Sept. 7th, [Exploring Spiritual Practices](#), led by Marcelle Martin, author of *Our Life is Love: the Quaker Spiritual Journey*. During the **ten week course**, participants will experiment with numerous approaches to meditation, prayer, and presence. We'll seek to know more fully the nature of consciousness, our true self, and our connection to the Spirit. We'll explore how mindfulness, awareness, and communion with the Divine affects not only our inner and outer lives, but radiates beyond us into the world. **TWO SECTIONS OF THE COURSE ARE OFFERED: Early Morning: 7:30 to 9:30 am Pacific Time (10:30 am to 12:30 pm EDT)**

Late Afternoon: 4 to 6 pm Pacific Time (7 to 9 pm EDT)

Intrigued? Go [HERE](#) to read details and register for Exploring Spiritual Practices.

Curious but not ready to commit just yet? Watch this 3-minute [introductory video](#). Or [Sign up here](#) for a free introductory webinar where you can sample the course on Sept 7th. Co-sponsored by New England Quakers in partnership with the Beacon Hill Friends House, this course is open to people of diverse faiths.

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 August 29, 2021

- We **thank you for the wonders of your created world**. The birds and their songs, the growing plants and the bright stars all remind us of your greatness.
- 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, Veneita Porter, Donna Bales, Jayne's relative Quincy, Dianna Horne 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. Give 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 thank you that **Nikki Holland**, serving at Belize Friends School, is recovering from her reaction to the Covid vaccine. Help her to continue to be able to rest and for the medication to be effective. May she be able to return to work next week as planned.
- We pray for Faith Kelley's cousin **Ben** as he continues to deteriorate from an undiagnosed neuromuscular disease. Help the doctors to quickly figure out what is causing his symptoms. May he be able to see the specialists he needs to in a timely fashion. Give him and his parents peace as they deal with the uncertainty and fear.
- We continue to pray for **Afghanistan** as the turmoil there escalates. We grieve the lives lost there this week. We ask for peace, stability and a more certain future for a place too used to conflict and death.
- We pray for the **Maurer family** as we gather to grieve the death of John Maurer. Comfort them and bring them peace. Walk beside them as we say good-bye together. We feel this loss keenly and long for you to be present in our grief.
- Your call beckons to us to righteousness and justice. To live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways. But it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil. By the power of your love, save our souls, that we might faithfully serve you.

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