



Intergenerational Worship at Berkeley Friends Church

February 14, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Faith Kelley

Welcome

Song - Love Is An Open Door

Prayer

Scripture - 1 John 4:7-12

Reflection:

What does this picture make you think of?
Is it better to give or to receive love? How would you characterize the love of the parent, and the love of the child? Which do you need right now?



Hymn - God Is Like A Flashlight

Ahavah Video

Hymn - Love The Lord Your God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment
and the second is like it:
Oh, love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Message - "God Is Love" - Micah Bales

Hymn - Peace Before Us

Peace before us, Peace behind us,
Peace under our feet, Peace within us,
Peace over us, let all around us be Peace

Love before us, Love behind us,
Love under our feet, Love within us,



Love over us, let all around us be Love

Light before us, Light behind us,
Light under our feet, Light within us,
Light over us, let all around us be Light

Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ under our feet, Christ within us,
Christ over us, let all around us be Christ

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Peace before us, Peace behind us,
Peace under our feet, Peace within us,
Peace over us, let all around us be Peace

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.

Praises & Petitions

Hymn - Spirit Of God

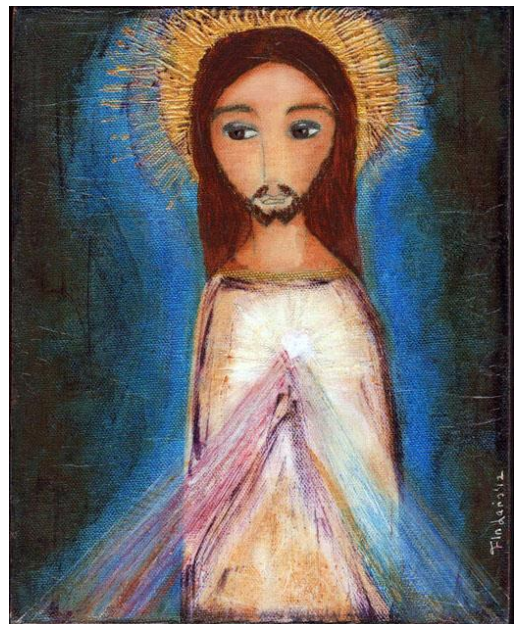
Spirit of God, grow in us
that we may learn to love like Jesus.
Spirit of God, go with us
that we may share the Love that frees us.

Closing Words

Hymn - My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea (x2)

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea (x2)



(Refrain)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore (x3)

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea (x2)

(Refrain)

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms (x4)

(Refrain)



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.

Next Sunday, Feb. 21, we will have our **Monthly Meeting for Business** following service at 1:15PM.

Today, Feb. 14 at 11:00 AM- God Is Love Intergenerational Worship- Instead of our usual order of service we will be creating a space accessible to all ages, attention spans and places on our spiritual journeys. Join us in song, prayer, brief waiting worship and activities that explore God's love for us.

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative is hosting conversation circles on **February 16 & 18. "Beyond Quakerism 101: How can Friends prepare to be a light in the world?"** Early Friends, ignited by the Spirit during tumultuous times, ushered lasting change into the culture despite their small numbers. How can we, as Quaker religious educators today, prepare Friends to accompany the world into a new way of being? [Click here for more information.](#)

Friends International Prayer Gathering- As a global community, FUM gathers on the third Friday of each month to worship, listen to each other, and pray for the needs of our world. The next Friends International Prayer Gathering is on **February 19 at 9:00 AM Pacific.** We will gather through Zoom. [Click here](#) or call 312-626-6799. Enter meeting ID: 898 5594 6800.

FUM Webinar on Planned Giving- Join FUM Director of North American Ministries Colin Saxton and other Friends for a time of insight, inspiration, and practical sharing as we consider how to faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to our care and use. **Thursday, February 25, 3:00–4:30 p.m. (Eastern).** Please register by February 22: <https://friendsunitedmeeting.rsvpify.com>
More information can be found here: <http://bit.ly/FUMplanning>

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.](#)

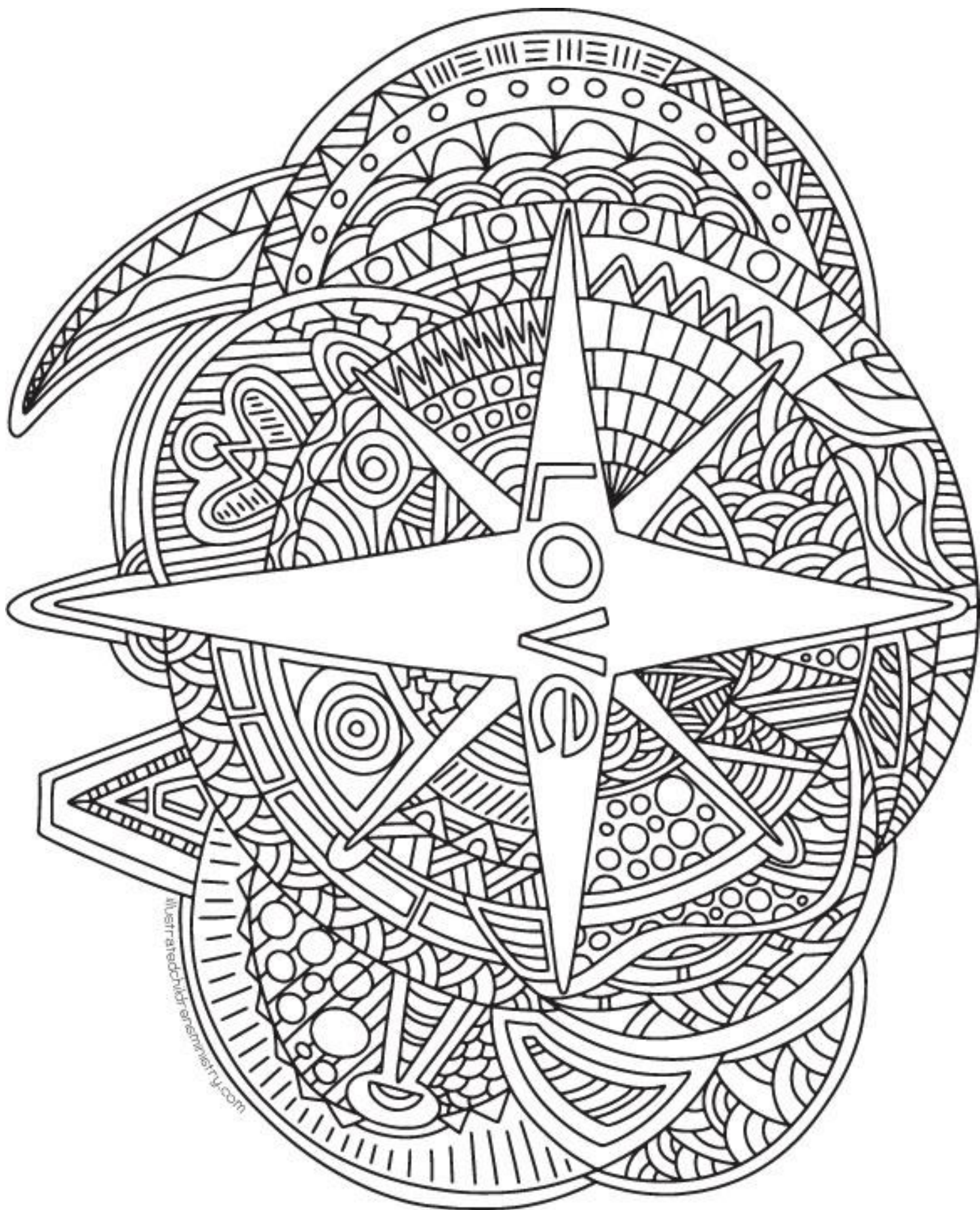
Keep up with BFC throughout the week. Join the announcement listserv by emailing Faith at pastor@berkeleyfriendschurch.org and follow us on Facebook.

Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church February 14, 2021

- We thank you for the constant call we hear from you every day. The wind whispering around our ears, the birds singing to us from the trees, rain pinging on the window, the good earth inviting our steps. We hear that call again and again, through kind hands and warm hearts around us.
- 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, Janice Wells, Joe Bell and Joe Williams.**
- We thank you that **Donna Bales** received her first shot of the Covid vaccine this week. Please keep her safe till she can get the second dose and schedule her surgery for breast cancer. May all who are most in danger be able to be quickly and easily vaccinated.
- We pray for **Stanley Chagala Ngesa.** We pray that he does not have Covid and will have a negative Covid test. Please allow him to leave quarantine soon and go home.
- We ask that you guide **all of us who feel spiritually lost and uncertain.** When we feel like we have no answers, cannot see the path and long for your presence, make yourself known. May we see your light. May it make clear the way forward.
- We pray for the **creatures we share this planet with.** So often our pollution, our spread into wild places and our carelessness results in their suffering and destruction. May we take up more fully your charge to be stewards of the earth. May we delight in the diversity and creativity of what you have made.
- We thank you for the **Lunar New Year** and the celebration of new beginnings.
- **Open our ears to your call,** which is as expansive as the world, and as particular as a poor man walking a dusty road to a cross on Calvary. Like him, help us to love, not just in word, but in deed: love for our neighbors who are hard to love, love for newcomers in our community, love for people who are cast out by others.

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