

Worship at Berkeley Friends Church April 18, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Faith Kelley

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Fairest Lord Jesus!

Fairest Lord Jesus!
Ruler of all nature!
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown!

Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.





Praises & Petitions

Scripture - 1 John 3:1-7

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 - Fairest Love, All Love Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!

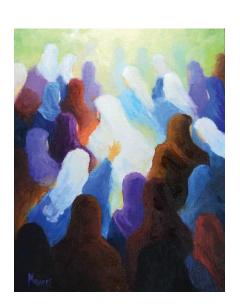
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

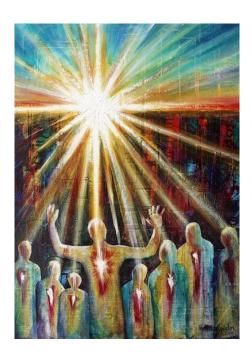
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.





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.

Today, April 18, we will have our Monthly Meeting for Business following service at 1:15PM.

Memorial service for Joe Bell will be held at the meeting house on Sat., April 24 at 10AM.

Come Celebrate 15 Years of Quaker Songwriting with Jon Watts & Max Carter! Saturday, April 24, 2021, 4:00 PM Pacific. Click here for more information and tickets.

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 <u>Project Voice</u>, 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: <u>riseupandsing.org/events/repairing-breach-northwest</u>

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 <u>schedule and registration</u> 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 18, 2021

- We **thank you for your provision for us.** You provide everything we need. We rejoice in your abundance and share with those around us also in need.
- 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 Oakland Unified students, teachers and administrators who are finally returning to the classroom this week. Keep them safe. Help them adjust to this new schedule and new expectations. May they learn together.
- We pray for all **those who are traveling**, including John and Jean. May it be easy, smooth and safe. May they enjoy their time away from home and come back safely to us.
- We ask for peace and support for **all of us who are in times of transition** for those who are moving, those who are dying, those who are leaving jobs and those who are in school for new

ones. May we lean upon you in those times in which everything seems uncertain, knowing that you are our rock and salvation.

- We pray that you would teach us to be kind, loving and forgiving to each other. You call us to be one body, with many parts. Show us how to take care of each of our important members. We long to follow you together, being a force for peace, justice and reconciliation in our world.
- We pray for the family of Adam Toledo, yet another life ended by police violence. We grieve, our hearts break- again. We are overwhelmed by the size of this systemic injustice. Please give us the power and fortitude to be active participants in ending state sanctioned violence against people of color.
- Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. **Teach us to keep faith** with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true.

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