



Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
October 31, 2021 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM



Presider - Jayne Nichols

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - When the Poor Ones

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing;

Refrain:

We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
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When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us;

(Refrain)

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble;

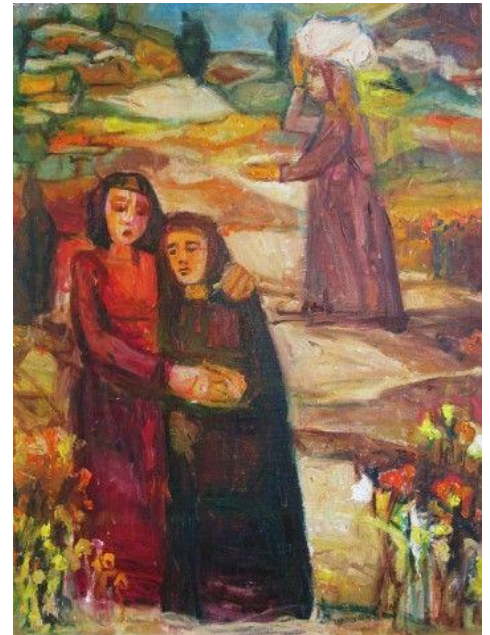
(Refrain)

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor;

(Refrain)

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Ruth 1:1-18



Message - "Life in the Foreign Country of Grief" - 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 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus:

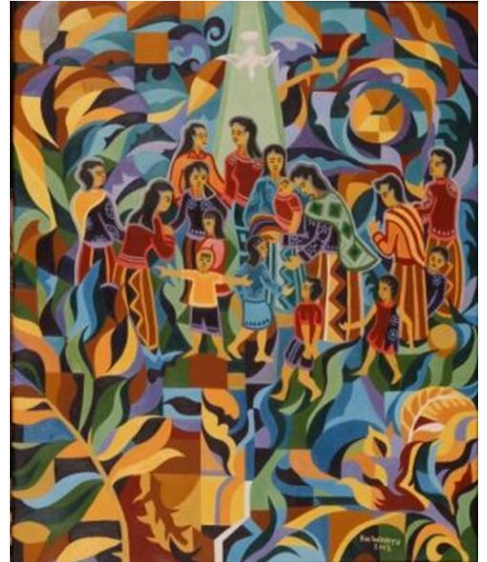
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

(Chorus)



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 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. We will be discussing the book "A Quaker Prayer Life" by David Johnson.

Nov 7, 2021 - Daylight Saving Time Ends. When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 7, 2021, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour.

[Way of the Spirit](#) is offering several online opportunities for spiritual growth this fall. What helps you sort Holy guidance, your unique giftedness, and the clamor of urgent needs around us? How do you discern small ordinary actions and larger commitments? The Quaker-based Way of the Spirit program invites prayer and learning for living Spirit-led every day. Apply now for online offerings:

Oct 13, Nov 10, etc, Monthly Reflection Group, second Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30. Supportive, gently-guided small group processes to nurture awareness of the presence and guidance of the Spirit in your everyday life, 6-12 month commitment.

Nov 6 & 20, Dec 4 – Tending Your Spiritual Giftedness:

What is "yours" to do in our fractured and hurting world? It's more important than ever to discern how your unique spiritual giftedness meets the aching needs around us. Additional mini-courses in 2022 will explore obstacles to giftedness, creating a cultures of giftedness, and passing it on to children and youth.

Friends Committee on National Legislation's upcoming **Quaker Public Policy Institute and Annual Meeting**, to be held virtually **November 17-21, 2021**. Learn how to lobby your congress people, listen to great speakers like Vanessa Julye and celebrate Diane Randall's 10 years of leadership at FCNL. [Find out more](#) and [register here](#). Registration is pay-as-led, with no set fee, and you can join from anywhere with an Internet connection. [If you register by October 15](#), you'll receive a printed program and an FCNL hat in the mail.

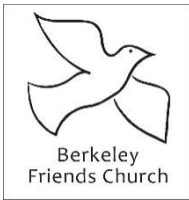
Pendle Hill's [FRIENDS' DECISION-MAKING AND CLERKING](#) Nov 19-21, 2021 A weekend on Zoom with **Steve Mohlke**, Friday 4:00pm through Sunday 11:00am Eastern Time. NB: Registration deadline **November 2nd!** This is an opportunity for both new and experienced clerks of Friends' meetings and committees to meet and think together about the role of the presiding clerk. It is expected that each person will leave the weekend with new energy and enthusiasm for being a clerk, feeling well-grounded in both the theoretical and the practical. [Read more and register](#).

Thanksgiving Day Worship- Join us at the meeting house for a brief period of gathered thankfulness on **November 25 at 10:00 AM**. We will sing, pray and have open worship together as we express gratitude for all God does.

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 October 31, 2021

- We **thank you that in the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through**, healing our anguished souls. We rejoice that God's love and forgiveness are given to 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, 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 continue to pray for **Liz Erringer Sims and her family** as they grieve the death of her mother. Please help Liz's father in particular as he processes this loss and help him through his confusion. Please bring comfort and peace to all who knew and loved Liz's mother.
- We ask for help for **Faith Jansen Brewer** as she awaits test results in the hospital. May she soon be able to eat again and be more comfortable. May the tests come back negative for cancer. Give her doctors a clear sense of the problem and how best to treat it. Give Peter strength and peace as he walks along Faith during this time of waiting and uncertainty.
- We thank you for all of **your faithful servants who have come before us**. May we look to their example when we are in need of encouragement and direction. We miss those who have died but we know that they are at peace in you.
- We remember the destruction and loss of the **Oakland Hills firestorm** which happened 30 years ago last week. We pray for all who lost loved ones and homes in the fire. We ask that you comfort all those for whom the anniversary is a difficult time.
- **Help us to look for the opportunities you give us to be of service** to you by working with others; reaching out to heal and help. Bring us to the light of your love once again. Heal our wounded souls. Let us love you truly with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Give us courage and persistence as disciples that your great love and glory may shine through our deeds of lovingkindness.



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