



**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church**  
**December 27, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**



**Presider - John Maurer**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - Go Tell It On The Mountain**

**Praises & Petitions**

**Scripture - Galatians 3:23-4:7**

**Message - “Now We Are Children” - Micah Bales**



**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 - Joy To The World**

Joy to the World! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns in fest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found.



He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders wonders of His love.

### **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**

**Today, Whittier First Friends Church** joins us for worship.

**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.

**Good News Associates** is continuing their **Way of the Spirit** program.

The next three Saturday interactive online mini-course will be focused on "Forgive- Relationships in the Holy." **The sessions are 9:30-1:30 January 16, 30, and February 13, 2021.** To register and for more information, go to their [website](#).

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

### **Praises and Petitions of Berkeley Friends Church December 27, 2020**

- We **thank you that you are with us as we journey in our faith;** to meet your Gift. We thank you that you give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name.
- 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 pray for **all those who are currently sick with COVID-19.** Give their doctors and nurses wisdom on treatments. Comfort the family who can't be with them. Provide the resources that are needed to care for them well and safely. We grieve all those who have died and ask for an end to this pandemic.
- We pray for **Sam Smith** as he travels to see his daughter. Have his Covid test come back negative. May he travel safely and without problems.
- We ask for the return home and healing for **Dianna Horne's neighbor David Hillis** who went to the hospital with a minor heart attack. Help his heart to stay clear and the stint to work. May he recover comfortably at home.
- We pray for a difficult situation with the **Kelley and Bales' rental property in DC.** May they be able to get a hold of the tenant. Put in place a competent and responsive property manager quickly.
- We continue to hold **Sebastian Sharpe, Dianna Horne's friend,** in prayer in his struggles with cystic fibrosis and trying to walk in rehab after being shot. May he gain strength and mobility. May he and his family feel your love and strength on this long road.
- We pray for **all of us who are experiencing a post-holiday slump** in spirits. May we rest in your comfort and peace. You are our light in the darkness. Help us to cling onto the fact that you are with us no matter what we feel.
- **Empower us to be people of great faith,** placing our trust in you, believing that peace is not only possible, it truly can happen if we will work with you and with one another. Remind us that you hear these prayers and you respond with love to each one. Let us be in prayer with one another, for one another, for our church and our community, for our nation and our world, for all earth's people and creatures, that we may be those who promote peace. Give us courage and strength. Help us reach across areas that divide, offering compassionate assistance wherever it is needed.

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