

**Worship at Berkeley Friends Church
September 6, 2020 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

Presider - Steve Sims

Meditation

Prayer

Hymn - Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, Thy child may I be
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

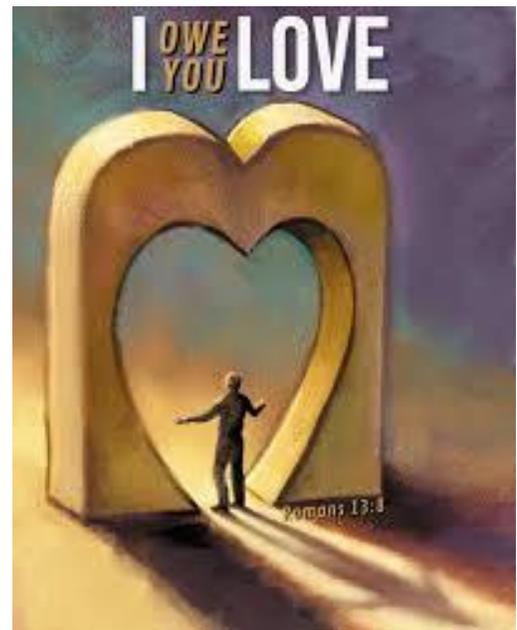
High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Praises & Petitions

Scripture - Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Message - "What is Love?" - Faith Kelley

Musical Offering - "Stained Glass", by John Lucas



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 - Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Spirit, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You



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

Whittier First Friends will joining us today at BFC for Sunday morning 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.

Prayers of the People on Thursday September 17, 8 PM - A time of prayer for each other and our needs as a community. We will also learn a little about some techniques to help us focus our prayer time and those moments when we're not sure how to talk to God.

FWCC Southwest Region online regional gathering will be **September 19 at 3:00-5:00 PM PST**. This is a chance for people in the Western Association to learn more about FWCC and make connections with Friends from other Yearly Meetings in the region. Information and the registration link are on our website at https://fwccamericas.org/_wp/event/southwest-regional-gathering/. The link directly to the registration form is <https://conta.cc/2Yw9oAr>. Emelyn Buskirk is the Southwest regional coordinator, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You can reach her at em.pearson45@att.net.

All Ages and Stages Worship will be Saturday September 26 at 4:00 PM. Join us for an engaging, interactive worship in which we do some activities, pray, read the Bible, and have waiting worship. Designed for kids, families and those who just need to be moving.

Census 2020: Don't forget to respond to your notice either online, by phone or by paper form after April 8th. The census will only ask 9 questions and by law cannot be shared with anyone including ICE, the police, or other government agencies. An undercount will have a huge effect on our area. For example, if we have an undercount of 6% in Alameda County, the county will lose \$1 billion over 10 years. For more info see www.acgov.org/Census2020

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 September 6, 2020

- We **thank you that the love which began before creation flows in and through us this day.** We are grateful that you lead us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We can stand strong and confident in God's Love.
- 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, Tomi's friend Katie, Joe Williams, Diana's friend Sebastian, Robbie Williams, Marilyn's friend Bruce, Lorryng's sister Candace, Faith's cousin Vicki, David Thompson, Stanley Chagala Ngesa and Sam Kumao.**
- We ask for God's presence with **Friends not able to be with us: Julie Rowlette, Charles Blue, Janice Wells 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 pray for **all those who feel stretched too thin, burnt out and at the end of their ropes.** For parents trying to work and facilitate their children's learning. For essential workers who risk their lives to go to work. For those speaking and acting for justice in a country that has not heard them for 400 years. For those desperately wanting to work and unable to find any. For those who live alone and feel isolated and abandoned.
- We pray for **Tomi Nagai-Rothe** as she leaves Berkeley Friends Church. Bring her to a church home where she can do the work she feels called to. We grieve the fact that her leaving was caused by disunity. We long for a sense of common calling and purpose. Open our eyes to what that should be. Heal the wounds of broken relationships and disappointment when we cannot agree.

- We ask for **justice and mercy for all those caught up in our immigration system**. Protect those being held in detention facilities from Covid. Change our nation's policies so that families are not separated, people can wait in safety for their hearings and those who are fleeing persecution and violence can find a new home.
- We pray for the upcoming **election in November**. May all those who should be able to vote have their vote counted. Protect the process. May it be a time of peaceful transition.
- We seek **courage and hope for the future** from you. Our world is in such peril. Heal these wounds and quiet the words of war. Help us to be those who bring peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of doubt and fear; **anoint us with your light and love** that we may spread the good news of your mercy to everyone.

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