

Spirit Guided Friends Church

May 2024

"In GOD we live, move and have our being" Acts 17:28

May	Chair	Speaker
5	Rev. Teresa Roberts	Rev. Sheila Vitale
12	Rev. Bernie Zurn	Rev. Bernie Zurn
19	Rev. Sheila Vitale	Gabrielle Gardner
26	Suzanne Gardner	Rev. Bernie Zurn

Sunday Services	
Healing	10:45 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
<i>Times Approximate</i>	

Events

May 5	Potluck	After Service - bring a dish to share
May 19	Open House	12:45 - 1:30 PM
	Mini-Readings	\$10 for 15 minutes \$20 for 30 minutes
May 26	Reading of the Flowers	During service - See description below on the right

Join Spirit Guided Friends

Membership is \$12 per year About 25¢ per week
In person or on the web at
<https://www.sgf-church.org/donations>
Support the church's spiritual work

Contact us about Board Meeting topics

on the web: <https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>
Select "Board Meeting Topic"
-or- Write a topic and put it in the Communication Box

Prayer Chain for special needs & healing

on the web: <https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>
Subject: Prayer Chain -or-
Leave a message at (503) 771-8986

Ministerial Support for spiritual needs & support

Rev. Bernie Zurn | Rev. Teresa Roberts

Contact personally or... on the web

<https://www.sgf-church.org/contact-us>

Subject: Ministerial Support

There is no charge for these services

Membership renewal starts in January of each year.

Renew in person or on the web at

<https://www.sgf-church.org/join>

Thank you for your continuing support
of the church's spiritual work

Reading of the Flowers

An annual event on the last Sunday in May.
Bring a flower to service that day and lay it
on the table provided. Someone will pick up
the flower and give a reading from it without
knowing who brought it. Your flower will be
returned.

Visit us at: <http://www.sgf-church.org/>

Bereavement - By William Penn 1693
Quaker Faith and Practice, Chapter 22 Verse 95

The truest end of life, is to know the life that never ends. Those that make this their care, will find it their crown at last. Those that live to live ever, never fear dying: nor can the means be terrible to them that heartily believe the end.

For though death be a dark passage, it leads to immortality, and that is recompense enough for the suffering of it. Faith lights us, even through the grave, being the evidence of things not seen.¹

And this is the comfort of the good, that the grave cannot hold them, and that they live as soon as they die. *For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity.* Death, then, being the way and condition of life, we cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die.

They that love beyond the world cannot be separated by it. *Death cannot kill what never dies.* Nor can spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle, the root and record of their friendship. ...

Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still. For they must needs be present, *that love and live in that which is omnipresent.* In this divine glass, they see face to face²; and their converse is free, as well as pure.

This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present, because immortal.

¹ Paul - Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

² Paul – 1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but **then face to face**

<https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/22-95/>