



HIGH
POINT

Friends

MEETING

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January 21, 2024

In Ministry

Minister:
Scott Wagoner

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Organ:
Carmen Farlow

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Piano & Voice:
Wanda Simmons

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

- 1 Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days.
The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.
- 2 Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy
The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon, as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon.
There the Lord will display his glory, the splendor of our God.
- 3 With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands,
and encourage those who have weak knees.
- 4 Say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, and do not fear,
for your God is coming to destroy your enemies.
He is coming to save you.”
- 5 And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind
and unplug the ears of the deaf.
- 6 The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak
will sing for joy! Springs will gush forth in the wilderness, and
streams will water the wasteland.
- 7 The parched ground will become a pool, and springs of
water will satisfy the thirsty land. Marsh grass and reeds and
rushes will flourish ,where desert jackals once lived.
- 10 Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return.
They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
Sorrow and mourning will disappear,
and they will be filled with joy and gladness.
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Message:

"Flourishing Possibilities"

Open Worship: In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #338

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"The flourishing life is a matter of radical intention. We must join God in co-creating the culture of our lives. And the culture of life begins with the human heart. What kind of culture are you creating in your life this season? What specific aspirations, dreams, and intentions are you clear about that will guide you toward the kind of holistic life you long for? Are you living with awareness of following Jesus in each direction?...Your formation matters to the world. Those who change the world for the good take their formation seriously." (A.J. Sherrill, *Expansion*)

Spiritual Practice: *This week, intentionally facilitate the necessary conditions that serve your own personal growth as well as the growth of others.*

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Prelude:

How Great Thou Art

As the music begins, we invite Friends to settle into a silence that serves to prepare us for our time of worship. Welcome the music to gather us together as a faith community at worship.

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, Your intentions are for our lives to flourish. Your intentions are for Your world to flourish. May our intentions and actions be in alignment with Your intentions for all of creation. As we flourish, may we help the world and one another flourish. Amen."

Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (Insert)

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory:

Grace Medley

Choir: Bring Us Peace *arr. Craig Courtney*

Scripture:

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

Hymn:

Be Calm My Soul (Insert)
