



January 28, 2024

HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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In Ministry

Minister:
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Organ:
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Piano & Voice:
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Matthew 11:28-30

28 “Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

29 Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves.

30 My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

John 1:35-39, 43

35 The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said, “Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?”

39 He replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

43 The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

Message:

"Everyone Follows Something or Someone"

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: "I have Decided to Follow Jesus" #421

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"..when Jesus says, 'Follow me,' something very different is happening. We enter into a different way of following because it is a call away from 'me' and toward God. It is a call to let God enter into the center of our being. It is a willingness to let go of 'me,' of 'I,' and to gradually say, 'You, Lord, are the One.'... We are invited to find God and trust that in God we'll discover who we truly are."

(Henri Nouwen)

"What if we talked less of discipleship training or Spiritual formation than human formation or life formation or even Whole life formation?" (Leonard Sweet)

Spiritual Practice: *Pay attention to what or who you follow and how that forms and shapes who you are becoming.*

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Prelude:

Gospel Medley

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, help us to have a vision of who we are becoming and who we can become. Help us to pay attention to who and what we follow and how we are formed. Help us to hear Your invitation in the depth of our soul and to follow You in the way that leads to Life. Amen."*

Hymn: : "All Creatures of Our God and King" #43

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Amazing Grace is the Sweetest Song I Know

Scripture: **Matthew 11:28-30** **John 1:35-39, 43**

Hymn "I Heard and Old, Old Story" #277

This Song was chosen to honor Theron Farlow on the occasion of his 94th Birthday