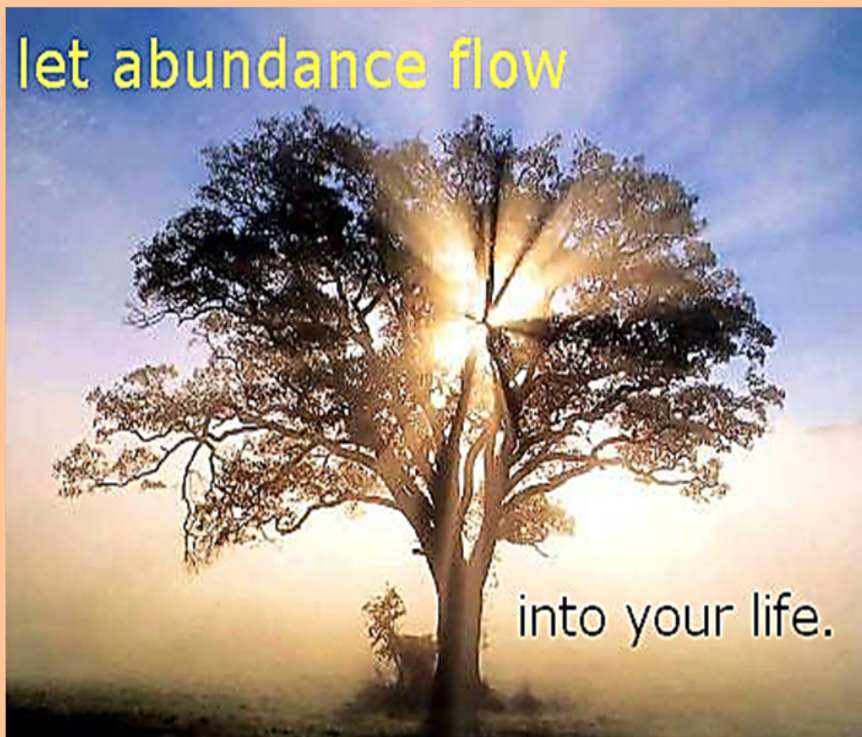


let abundance flow



into your life.

January 7, 2024

In Ministry

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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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Mark 6:35-44, NRSV

35 When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; **36** send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." **37** But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" **38** And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." **39** Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. **41** Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. **42** And all ate and were filled, **43** and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. **44** Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

2 Thessalonians 1:3, NRSV

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

Message:
"The Way to Living Well "

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: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #487

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"Asking the great question: 'How can we live well?' is central to our contemporary context. Unless this question is intelligently considered, we will not live beyond superficiality. Our lives will remain characterized by shallowness, confusion and emptiness. It is precisely this question that Jesus engages. He is the fully alive One who shows us how we can best live in this world...Without a way of living appropriately modelled upon the way Jesus lived, we will not experience that fullness of life which is the promise of the gospel."

(Trevor Hudson, Invitations to Abundant Life)

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude: *Give Me Jesus—Mark Hayes*

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, this morning we bring our full selves to this moment - our complicated, messy, weary, confused, always-trying-to-get-it-together, fearful, frustrated, and occasionally doing well self. Show us how to engage life in all of its fullness, rather than escape life and from all of its challenges. Show us the way to live well. Amen."

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #49

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: *Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen*

Choir: *Where You There - Natalie Sleeth*

Scripture: **Mark 6:35-44, 2 Thessalonians 1:3**

Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven" (*insert*)
