

# Made to Flourish

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In Ministry

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## 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

7 As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. 9 People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, 10 and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

## 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 ~ New Living Translation

3 Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing. 4 We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering.

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## Message:

### *We Were Created To Flourish*

**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:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #58

**Benediction:**

**Postlude**

### Thoughts For Reflection:

"The God I know does not ask us to conform to some abstract norm for the ideal self. God asks us to only honor our created nature, which means our limits as well as potentials. When we fail to do so, reality happens - God happens - and way closes behind us...One dwells with God by being faithful to one's nature." (Parker Palmer, [Let Your Life Speak](#))

"Flourishing is God's gift and plan, and when you flourish you are in harmony with God, other people, creation, and yourself. Flourishing is not measured by outward signs such as income, possessions, or attractiveness. It means become the person he had in mind in creating you." (John Ortberg)

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# High Point Friends Meeting

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Prelude: The Love of God / Think About His Love

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, You have created us to flourish in our faith, love, and everyday living. You have created a flourishing world filled with Your goodness and gifts. Help us to not get stuck in our languishing, but to live freely and openly in the flourishing You intend for our lives. Amen."

Hymn: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #48

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Choir: The Gift of Love / Hal Hopson

Scripture : 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10, &  
2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

Hymn: "We Are One in the Bond of Love" #208

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