

HIGH  
POINT

# Friends

MEETING

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In Ministry

Minister:

Scott Wagoner

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Organ:

Carmen Farlow

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Piano, & Voice:

Wanda Simmons

Psalm 139:7-12

7 Where could I go to get away from your spirit?  
Where could I go to escape your presence?

8 If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I  
went down to the grave, you would be there too!

9 If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to  
rest only on the far side of the ocean—

10 even there your hand would guide me; even  
there your strong hand would hold me tight!

11 If I said, “The darkness will definitely hide me;  
the light will become night around me,”

12 even then the darkness isn’t too dark for you!  
Nighttime would shine bright as day, because  
darkness is the same as light to you!

Psalm 139:23-24

23 Examine me, God! Look at my heart!  
Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts!

24 Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in  
me, then lead me on the eternal path!

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## Message:

### The Forming Presence of God

**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:** Search Me, O God #397

**Benediction:**

**Postlude**

### Thoughts For Reflection:

"Let us be present to the now. It's all we have and it's where God will always speak to us. The now holds everything, rejects nothing and, therefore, can receive God too. Help us, God, to be present to the place we most fear, because it always feels empty, it always feels boring, it always feels like it's not enough. Help us find some space within that we don't try to fill with ideas or opinions. Help us find space so you, loving God, can show yourself in that place where we are hungry and empty. Keep us out of the way, so there is always room enough for you. Good God, we believe that you are here and your presence gives us hope."

(Richard Rohr)

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Prelude: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

*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, may we be as present to You as You are to us this morning. May we open ourselves to Your seeking grace. May we have the humility to acknowledge our blind spots and welcome Your revealing Light. May we know that in Your Light is Your love that seeks what is best for us. Amen."

Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #3

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Gospel Medley

Scripture; Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24

Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #182

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