

HIGH
POINT

Friends

MEETING
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In Ministry

Minister:

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Organ:

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Luke 9:18-25

18 Once when Jesus was praying by himself, the disciples joined him, and he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” **19** They answered, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life.” **20** He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ sent from God.” **21** Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. **22** He said, “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected—by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts—and be killed and be raised on the third day.” **23** Jesus said to everyone, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. **24** All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. **25** What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives?”

Message:

The Inward Cross

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: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #134

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

Jesus says, 'Take up your cross.' He didn't say, 'Make up your cross,' 'Create your cross,' or 'Go after your cross.' He said, 'Take up your cross,' and this means to have the courage to see your pain...Acknowledge it. Say, 'This is where I feel pain. It is my life and my life also means my pain. Can I stay with this? Can I recognize it and say yes? I can live this life. I want to live this life. It is painful and it has unique hurts but it is mine. I want to embrace it because I will never taste joy in life if I keep ignoring my pain.' "

(Henri Nouwen, Following Jesus)

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Prelude: Hosanna Loud Hosanna/ All Hail King Jesus

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, may our lives be lived in willingness and surrender to Your will. May we live lives of sacrificial love. May our pain be transformed into wholeness. May we know that you understand our own sufferings and pain. Amen."

Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #126

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: The Palms

Special: "The Old Rugged Cross" *Mark Hayes*

Scripture: **Luke 9:18-25**

Special: Holy City~ *Weatherly/Adams*
