



"Do I make Room for
Gratitude?"

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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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Colossians 4:2-6, (The Message)

"2-4 Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth, I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them. 5-6 Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out."

Message:

"Making Space for Gratitude"

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: "Now Thank We All Our God" #544

Benediction:

Postlude:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference."

— Thomas Merton

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Prelude::

Thanks Be to Thee

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, cultivate within us a heart of gratitude. Grant us eyes to see life as a gift. This morning, help us to awaken to the gift of a new day. Help us to strengthen the muscle of having a grateful perspective and to offer strength to those around us through a grateful presence. Amen."

Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #543

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: How Can I Say Thanks

Choir: For the Beauty of the Earth-*Biggs & Althouse*

Scripture: **Colossians 4:2-6**

Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" #545
