



Keeping Hope Alive

In Ministry

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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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1 Peter 1:3-9 (CEB)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, **7** so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, **9** for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Message:

"Keeping Hope Alive"

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: Easter People, Raise Your Voices (see Insert)
(Tune of Angels from the Realms of Glory)

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

The resurrection principle maintains that God is alive and active in all of creation. It is God in the midst of trouble and trauma, working for good. The resurrection principle is the spiritual energy we call hope, placed there by God. It is the presence of God within us as Source and Life, providing us the resources to live the abundant life Jesus came to give us, to bear our sufferings, to work with the energies of God to bring about good."

(Jeanie Miley, Practicing Resurrection)

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude : When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, our hope often dissipates or simply dissolves when faced with the challenges of life. Renew our hope. Resurrect our hope. Restore our hope and keep it alive within us through Your grace. Amen."

Hymn: How Firm a Foundation #237

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Behold the Lamb

Scripture : 1 Peter 1:3-9

Hymn: The Day of Resurrection #160
