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In Ministry

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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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Luke 24:28-32

28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

Luke 3:21-22

21 When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

Message: "The Power of Affirmation and Blessing"

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: Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You (Insert)

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

"Nowadays, we often say: 'We have to affirm each other.' Without affirmation, it is hard to live well. To give someone a blessing is the most significant affirmation we can offer. It is more than a word of praise or appreciation; it is more than pointing out someone's talents or good deeds; it is more than putting someone in the light. To give a blessing is to affirm, to say 'yes' to a person's Belovedness. And more than that: to give a blessing creates the reality of which it speaks...A blessing touches the original goodness of the other and calls forth his or her Belovedness." (*Henri Nouwen, "Live of the Beloved"*)

~ Who in your life needs to hear a word of affirmation from you? Do you and I live with the awareness that we are God's beloved? Do we see one another as God's beloved and treat them as such?

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude:

Holy Ground~ *Cindy Berry*

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 open our hearts, today, to the affirmation of Your love for us. May we receive Your affirmation of our gifts. May we know that we are Your beloved and we bring You great joy and delight. Amen."*

Hymn: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him #4

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: *Soon & Very Soon~Cindy Berry*

Choir: *Spirit of God ~Joseph Martin*

Scripture: *Luke 24:28-32, Luke 3:21-22*

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind #338
