



Our blindness won't let us see
the light that shines from our hearts
making us already whole and complete.
We must feel it so that it can lighten up our world.

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In Ministry

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HIGH
POINT

Friends

MEETING

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John 1:1-9

1 In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

2 The Word was with God in the beginning.

3 Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being
4 through the Word was life
and the life was the light for all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

6 A man named John was sent from God.

7 He came as a witness to testify concerning the light,
so that through him everyone would believe in the light.

8 He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was
to testify concerning the light.

9 The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.

Message:
"Lighten Up!"

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: Arise, Your Light Is Come (Insert)

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts for Reflection:

"The light is God's faithful, abiding presence in every human heart, or conscience. God waits for us there, calling with a voice we don't notice...the light is there in everyone, not just a few...It is knowledge given in obedience. That is, we gain more light as we follow its motions faithfully. And as God has been waiting upon us all this time, we have to learn how to wait for the light's teaching, to 'wait upon the Lord,' as early Friends would say...There we may receive fresh insights and guidance in the particulars of our own lives."

(Douglas Gwyn, *The Call to Radical Faithfulness*)

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude:

"Be Thou My Vision"

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 Your wisdom provide the Light we need for guidance in our lives. In the dark moments of our lives, may we trust in Your Light to show us the way. Help us to 'stand still in the Light' when we are seeking a way forward and to trust in Your ways even when we don't know the way. Amen."

Hymn: God of Grace, and God of Glory #446

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: O Lord, You're Beautiful"

Choir: Amazing Grace

Scripture: John 1:1-9

Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See #367
