



Guest Minister ~ Terry Venable

August 27, 2023

HIGH  
POINT  
*Friends*  
MEETING  
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In Ministry

Minister:  
Scott Wagoner

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Organ:  
Carmen Farlow

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Piano & Voice:  
Wanda Simmons

therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. **26** From one ancestor[b] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, **27** so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. **28** For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ **29** “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. **30** While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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## Acts 17:16-31

16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of Idols.

17 So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) 19 So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. 22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What

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# High Point Friends Meeting

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Prelude : Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart *arr Mark Hayes*

*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:

Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God #3

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Hallelujah - Leonard Cohen

Scripture: Acts 17:16-31

Hymn: Breathe on Me Breath of God #179

Message: "God is Our Connector"

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: Great is thy Faithfulness #28

Benediction:

Postlude

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