



“Now
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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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In Ministry

Minister:
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Organ:
Carmen Farlow

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Piano & Voice:
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Ephesians 5:8-14

8 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. 9 Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth. 10 Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, 11 and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. 12 It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. 13 But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. 14 Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 Don't remember the prior things;
don't ponder ancient history.

19 Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?
I'm making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness.

Message:

"The Christmas Story: Then and Now"

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: "For the Healing of the Nations" (Insert)

Benediction:

Postlude:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"What are the implications of my 'getting it together' within? Suppose by God's grace, I drop my defiance and trust God to bring together my head, my commitment, and my heart - what then? If God desires integration for me and all things, and if God has the power to get us where we need to go, then I can trust that every experience I need to enrich my life and to move me along toward integration will be given to me. No obstacle will be able to deter me."

(Gordon Cosby)

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Prelude:

Bless This House

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, as we look back on our lives and let go of what has been, may we look forward to what can be as you lead us by Your Light and wisdom. May our faith be more than reminiscing but also be living reality in the present. Amen."

Hymn: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" #48

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Let All Things Now Living, A Song of Thanksgiving

Scripture: **Ephesians 5:8-14** **Isaiah 43:18-19**

Hymn: "Doxology for Humanity" (insert)
