



## In Ministry

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HIGH  
POINT  
*Friends*  
MEETING  
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## Matthew 14:13-21

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. <sup>15</sup> That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish." <sup>18</sup> He said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. <sup>21</sup> About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

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## Message:

# The Miracle of a Generous Life

**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: The Gift of Love #363

Benediction:

Postlude

### Thoughts For Reflection:

"We may have only a few talents, but we have many gifts. Our gifts are the many ways in which we express our humanity. They are part of who we are: friendship, kindness, patience, joy, peace, forgiveness, gentleness, love, hope, trust and many others. These are the true gifts we have to offer each other...How different would our life be if we could but believe that every little act of faithfulness, every gesture of love, every word of forgiveness, every little bit of joy and peace will multiply and multiply as long as there are people to receive it...and that - even then - there will be leftovers."

(Henri Nouwen *"Life of the Beloved"*)

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# High Point Friends Meeting

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Prelude: Shine Jesus Shine/ Shine On Me

*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 our hearts be open, this morning, to the outpouring of Your love. As You pour Your love into our hearts through Your Spirit, may it overflow into our actions and into the lives of others. May our life be an outpouring of Your Presence in the world. Amen."

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #14

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Sanctuary

Scripture: Kathy Baker Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation (Insert)

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