

February 4, 2024



In Ministry

Minister: Scott Wagoner

Organ:

Carmen Farlow

Piano & Voice: Wanda Simmons Mark 1:29-39

29 After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. 31 He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. 32 That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demonpossessed. 33 The whole town gathered near the door. 34 He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him. 35 Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. 36 Simon and those with him tracked him down. 37 When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!" 38 He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." 39 He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

Message: "Starting From a Place of 'Why'

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: "Lord of All Hopefulness" (Insert)

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"Before | can tell my life what | want to do with it, | must listen to my life telling me who | am."

(Quaker author, Parker Palmer)

"Our WHY is our purpose, cause or belief—the driving force behind everything we do. Our HOWs are the actions we take when we are at our natural best to bring our WHY to life. Our WHATs are the tangible manifestation of our WHY, the actual work we do every day."

- Simon Sinek

Spiritual Practice: Practice living intentionally from your own deep sense of purpose and authentic self. When "what" you are doing doesn't make any more sense, ask "Why am I doing it?"

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude:

Spírit Medley

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, You are the one Who rebuilds our lives. You are the one who heals broken hearts. You are the one Whose strength is unlimited. You are the One who picks us up when we have fallen. You are the One on Whom we depend for life, strength, courage, and confidence. Amen." (Based on Psalm 147)

Hymn:: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #34

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory:

Because He Lives

Scripture:

Mark 1:29-39

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #422