



March 10, 2024

HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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In Ministry

Minister:

Scott Wagoner

Organ:

Carmen Farlow

Piano & Voice:

Wanda Simmons

1 John 4:11-19

11 Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. 13 This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. 15 If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. 16 We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. 17 This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love because God first loved us.

Message:

“Overcoming Fear Through Love”

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: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #182

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them." *(Thomas Merton, No Man /s an /sland)*

Spiritual Practice: This week, pay attention to how fear causes you to hold back on taking action or living authentically. How would you respond differently if fear didn't hold you back?

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Prelude: *Beneath The Cross of Jesus* 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:

Centering Prayer: " *Loving God, gather us, this morning, into Your loving and gracious rest. Quiet the restlessness and agitation in our hearts. Calm our anxiousness and fear. Bring peace to our unsettled souls and surround us with Your loving and caring Presence. Strengthen our courage for the future. Amen.*"

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* - #74

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: *O Love that Wilt not Let Me Go*

arr. Mark Hays

Choir: *I Will Never Fail You* *By Cindy Berry*

Scripture: **1 John 4:11-19**

Hymn: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #375
