



March 17, 2024

In Ministry

Minister:

Scott Wagoner

Organ:

Carmen Farlow

*Piano & Voice:*Wanda Simmons

Luke 21:29-33

- 29 Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees.
 - 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know

 That summer is near.
- 31 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near.
 - 32 | assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened.
 - 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

Message:

"The Grace of the Growing Edge"

Open Worship: The Quaker, Rufus Jones, wrote that early Friends "...made the discovery that silence is one of the best preparations for communion [with God] and for the reception of inspiration and guidance." Our silence is our invitation to communion with the Living Christ, the Bread of Life. If you feel led to speak or share vocal ministry during the silence, we welcome your words.

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" #359

Benediction:

Thoughts for Reflection:

"So long as you recognize that no event of your life, whatever its character, can imprison you, you will not scale down your aspirations to the level of the facts in your present situation... shall continually believe that God is not through, not merely with life, but with me. I shall co-operate with Him until through my life there begins to pulse something much vaster and greater than anything that I have ever known before... This is the growing edge."

Howard Thurman The Growing Edge

Spiritual Practice: What is the growing edge in your life at present? Where are you experiencing vitality and aliveness? What do you need to let go of in order to make room for new life?

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude:

In Christ Alone

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, help us to notice the places of vitality and life within us and around us. Strengthen our faith and keep us looking ever forward. May we see the signs of life around us and be encouraged that you are never through with us. Amen."

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #2 Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: Come and Find the Quiet Center

Baby Dedication: William Leon Moore

Born: December 15, 2023

Scripture: Luke 21:29-33

Hymn: "Come, Friends, with Joy Surround" (Insert)