



You were born
to be real
not to be perfect.

HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING

*September
18th, 2022*

In Ministry

Minister:
Scott Wagoner

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Organ:
Carmen Farlow

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Piano, Bells & Voice:
Wanda Simmons

Matthew 6:30-33

30-33 “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Message:

"Back To Reality...Rooted in 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: "Come, God, and Hear My Cry" (See Insert)

To the tune of *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

Benediction:

Postlude:

Thoughts For Reflection:

"The supposed 'inner life' may actually be nothing but a brave and absurd attempt to evade reality altogether. Under the pretext that what is 'within' is in fact real, spiritual, supernatural, etc., one cultivates neglect and contempt for the 'external' as worldly, sensual, material and opposed to grace. This is bad theology and bad asceticism. In fact, it is bad in every respect, because instead of accepting reality as it is, we reject it in order to explore some perfect realm of abstract ideals which in fact has no reality at all. . . . Meditation has no point and no reality unless it is firmly rooted in life."

(Thomas Merton)

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Prelude: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Silence:

Hymn: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #4

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory: "Give Me Jesus" *arr. Mark Hayes*

Scripture: **Matthew 6:30-33**

Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father, of Mankind" #338
