



When Friends worship...

We gather to wait upon our Lord in silence. We wait for His power and life to fill us. We wait until the Lord's spirit moves us and gives us the words to speak. We do not speak or sing or pray in our own will and words, our own earthly wisdom, or at the time we have picked. We speak as God opens within our hearts what He would have us speak to His assembled people. If any of us, man or woman, speaks: it is as a vessel through which God speaks.

Our worship is worship in which our Lord is an active participant, choosing who will minister, choosing what will be sung and what will be prayed. Our worship is for the edification of God's church, which is a gathering His people in His spirit.

God's true church is that body of which Christ is the head, directing it as its priest, king, prophet, shepherd, bishop, governor, and orderer. We know He calls His sheep by name and gathers them in love and that He has other sheep, besides ourselves, that He is gathering beyond our knowledge. Our worship recognizes Christ Jesus as our present and life-long teacher, who instructs us how to live in His world and gives us power to forsake sin and live in perfect obedience to His will.

We invite you to wait upon the Lord with us and know the gospel, the good news of God's power to teach and lead us in all things. Seek to be still and quiet, letting go your own thoughts and desires, your wandering imagination and the murmurings of your own will, the counsel and notions of your own heart. This may not be easy at first. As you strive to banish them, they may assert themselves all the harder. Therefore, simply ask our Lord to lift them from you. Then, waiting upon the Lord, you will know the presence of your Shepherd and you shall not want.