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8:25 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP GUIDE

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WELCOME!

Zechariah freaked out when the other-worldly creature appeared to him. But Mary was simply “perplexed.” Why would such an incredible message come to a common girl just barely a woman? Then her reply to such a foretelling about her purpose in life was also simple: “Let it be so.” Have you ever struggled with finding your purpose and being at peace with it? Or are you yearning for more peace in your life and relationships? More peace in the world happens when all of us feel more peace within ourselves and live out that message each day.

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GOD GATHERS US

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

HYMN: SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, UMH 328

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ENTERING INTO WORSHIP (CONT.)

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
light within us your flame of peace today.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more hope in the midst of fear.**

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HYMN: TO A MAID ENGAGED TO JOSEPH, UMH 215

To a maid engaged to Joseph,
The angel Gabriel came.
"Fear not," the angel told her,
"I come to bring good news,
Good news I come to tell you,
Good news, I say, good news.

"For you are highly favored
By the God the Lord of all,
Who even now is with you.
You are on earth most blest,
You are most blest, most blessed,
God chose you, you are blest!"

But Mary was most troubled
To hear the angel's word.
What was the angel saying?
It troubled her to hear,
To hear the angel's message,
It troubled her to hear.

"Fear not, for God is with you,
And you shall bear a child.
His name shall be called Jesus,
God's offspring from on high.
And he shall reign forever,
Forever reign on high."

"How shall this be?" said Mary,
"I am not yet a wife."
The angel answered quickly,
"The power of the Most High
Will come upon you shortly,
Your child will be God's child."

As Mary heard the angel,
She wondered at his words.
"Behold, I am your handmaid,"
She said unto her God.
"So be it; I am ready
According to your word."

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:26-33 (CEB)

²⁶When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. ³¹Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. ³³He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

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GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:34-45 (CEB)

³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" ³⁵The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. ³⁶Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. ³⁷Nothing is impossible for God."

³⁸Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

³⁹Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. ⁴⁰She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. ⁴³Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ⁴⁵Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

HYMN: MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD, FROM UMH 198 (VERSES 46-55)

**My soul gives glory to my God,
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.**

**My God has done great things for me:
Yes, holy is this Name.
All people will declare me blessed,
And blessings they shall claim.**

**From age to age to all who fear,
Such mercy love imparts,**

**Dispensing justice far and near,
Dismissing selfish hearts.**

**Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
Promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;
The rich seem suddenly poor.**

**Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness.**

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1:56 (CEB)

⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then returned to her home.

SERMON: Angels Among Us: More Peace

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING, Upper Room Worshipbook 18

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great.
and my spirit sings
of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight
on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west
shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name
puts the proud to shame,
and to those who
would for you yearn,
you will show your might,

put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.
(Refrain)

From the halls of power
to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware
for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor
shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread,
every mouth be fed
for the world is about to turn.
(Refrain)

Though the nations rage
from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's
crushing grasp.
This saving word
that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound
'til the spear and rod
can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.
(Refrain)

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WE SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

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God of peace and possibility, we offer these tithes and offerings so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY: tune UMH 211

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel..**

INTERCESSSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

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HYMN: IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR, UMH 218

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

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