

Flowers are given by **Phil Swain** to the *Glory of God*
and in memory of *family & loved ones*.

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

INVITATION

*OPENING HYMN

Mary, Woman of the Promise

tune: Promise

**Mary, woman of the promise; vessel of your people's dreams:
Through your open willing spirit waters of God's goodness streamed.
Mary, song of holy wisdom, sung before the world began:
Faithful to the Word within you, as you bore God's wondrous plan.**

**Mary, morning star of justice; mirror of the Radiant Light:
In the shadows of life's journey, be a beacon for our sight.
Mary, woman of the gospel; humble home for treasured seed:
Help us to be true disciples, Bearing fruit in word and deed.**

OPENING PRAYER

Humming, hovering, holding God, You are able to embrace all that is within us ~ from blessings to brokenness; from bruises to beaming bright with Your light. There is so much within us that needs Your healing embrace. Yet, we are quick to dismiss and deny that we need Your help, O God. We have accepted individualization and self-actualization and if I want it done right, I must do it myself mentality that leaves us lonely and lost. We are afraid sometimes to listen for Your calling voice because You ask us to be a God-bearer, light-bringer in the world today. Give us Mary-like courage. Help us, free us, re-form us from what we cannot change to this moment when You can change us. Infuse us with a grace that empowers us to be Your people this day, growing more into Your likeness each moment through our words and actions. In the name of the One who is Your love incarnate, born of Mary, the God-bearer. Amen.

RESPONSE

Beautiful Jesus

**Beautiful Jesus, Head of all creation, God and the blessed Mary's child:
I want to love You, praise and adore You, joy of my soul, so long desired.**

STEWARDSHIP 2022

Lucy Tobias

DEDICATION

In the spirit of Mary whose openness changed the world and continues to change our lives, we give not because we must or out of guilt; we give because we realize how much we have been given. Every moment is a gift; each breath full of life; our calendars, callings, and checkbooks belong not just to us individually but are vehicles for You, O God, to show up disguised as our lives each day. Take our lives and let us be blessed by You eternally. Amen.

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-37

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

Calling Sermon Series: Staying Open

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat
Lauren Patsos, soprano

Andrew Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of Your name echoes through the universe; The way of Your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For You reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Tune: St. Anne

**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 God's 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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Paul Manz

Greeters: Wes Curry, June Wogelmuth, and Drue Murray