

## SERMON TEXT - LUKE 1:38-56

38b And the angel departed from her.

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

46 And Mary said,

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,*

*47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*

*48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;*

*49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.*

*50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.*

*51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;*

*52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;*

*53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,*

*55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

## MARY'S JOURNEY

LUKE 1:39-56

**Theme:** We are to both **receive** and **believe** the news of the birth of Jesus.

### 1. Mary's Journey to Meet Elizabeth

A. An Absent Angel

B. A Jumping Baby

### 2. The Journey of Mary's Soul

A. Mary Receives a New Perspective

B. A Mary Shares Good News

### Gospel Glimpses

1. God's blessings call us to an ordinary life of faith.
2. Humility and helplessness are opportunities to walk in faith.
3. Our smallness allows us to see God's bigness.
4. Do you fear the Lord? Do you receive this good news and believe it?

### Quotes

*The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God...*

**President Lincoln's Proclamation of October 3, 1863**