

Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-56 (RSV) The Gift of Love Advent 4

- **Welcome**
- **Christmas Eve at First United Methodist Church**
- **Christmas Worship – December 27**
- **Epiphany celebrated on January 3 (for January 6)**
- **Today's Carols**
- **Mary's Song**
 - The Magnificat**
 - "With God nothing is impossible." (Luke 1:37)
 - **Mary displays tremendous courage.**
 - **Mary is the model disciple.**
 - **Mary sings a song of praise.**
 - "My soul magnifies the Lord,"
 - "and my spirit rejoices In God my Savior." (RSV)
 - **What are the connections between our time and the time of Mary?**
 - **Mary offers a serving heart.**
 - **Tom Oden: "We lead by serving and we serve by leading."**
 - **Humility expressed in Love**
 - Luke 1:47-55 (NRSV)
 - 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 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 powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.*
 - **A Baby Changes Everything**
 - **Where will you light, sing, and serve this Christmas?**
 - **Prayers**