

A Song of Praise & Revolution
Luke 1:39-56

Getting Started

- ❖ What was the first trip you remember taking by yourself?
- ❖ Outside of your immediate family, what member of your family do you look forward to visiting with and why?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. Two Spirit-Inspired Greetings? (v. 39-45)
2. A Song of Praise & Revolution (v. 46-56)
3. So What?
 - A. The Paradox of Blessedness
 - B. The recipe for a blessed life is not a secret.

Takeaway Truth: God upends the status quo to accomplish His will.

Digging Deeper (Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)

- What was the significance of baby JTB leaping for joy at the sound of Mary's voice?
- Who in the passage is "blessed" and why? What does this blessing look like?
- From Elizabeth's experience what does being filled with the Holy Spirit look like?
- What are the two parts of Mary's Song? What attributes of God do you see in each part?
- How did Mary describe herself in her song? What does this apply to you?
- What specific actions did Mary say God had done for her?
- What words best describe Mary's attitude?
- What reasons can we give for calling Mary a woman blessed by God?

Apply It!

- ❖ How have you been blessed by God? How about in the past week?
- ❖ Outside of your salvation, for which work of God in your life do you praise Him?
- ❖ What person close to you still needs to hear about your faith?

Think About It!

It is right for us to praise God for what he has done, as Mary did. But sometimes even our worship of God can be somewhat self-centered, as if the really important thing is what God has done *for us*. We need to look beyond this to see God as he is in himself, and to praise him for being God. Then, when we speak about what God has done for us—as we should—it will be more about him and less about us. (Philip Ryken)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

October 15, 2023 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith, 2020

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
Our God, He holds the victory.

*There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house
of the Lord today. And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God us surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise.*

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung upon that cross then he rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty. We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

HOLY FOREVER

**Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson,
Jenn Johnson, and Jason Ingram, 2022**

A thousand generations falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb, and all who've gone before us
and all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all. All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions, Your name stands above them all.

*And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.*

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed,
sing the song of ages to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom
and if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

*And the angels cry, "Holy." All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear Your people sing, "Holy," to the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.*

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

**Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
and Michael Farren, 2018**

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for
heaven not to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,

my steadfast love, my deepest boundless peace. To this I hold: my
hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange
and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior,
he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his
power is displayed. To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price,
it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he
was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been
defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh the chains are released
I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

A THOUSAND GENERATIONS

Words and Music by Brenton Brown, 2014

You have been faithful to a thousand generations, slow to anger,
swift to bless. Your hand has guided us through every situation.
Your lovingkindness hasn't failed us yet.

*God, you are my God; I will live to sing your praises. God, joy of
my heart; you are my rock. You are faithful through the ages.*

The day will come when every eye on earth will see you, when
every heart and every voice will say that you are perfect in your
wisdom and your justice. Oh, how we long to see that glorious day!

You're God of heaven's armies, you're God of galaxies; valleys rise up
to meet you, the mountains bow their knees. Creation stands in
wonder at all that you've achieved and you have set your love on me.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 19; Jeremiah 36:1-10; Acts 14:8-18; Luke 7:36-50

MONDAY | Ps. 135; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Matt. 10:5-15

TUESDAY | Ps. 123; Jer. 36:27-37:2; 1 Cor. 14:1-12; Matt. 10:16-23

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 15; Jer. 37:3-21; 1 Cor. 14:13-25; Matt. 10:24-33

THURSDAY | Ps. 36; Jer. 38:1-13; 1 Cor. 14:26-40; Matt. 10:34-42

FRIDAY | Ps. 139; Jer. 38:14-28; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Matt. 11:1-6

SATURDAY | Ps. 56; Jer. 52:1-34; 1 Cor. 15:12-29; Matt. 11:7-15

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Sovereign God, you are the Good Shepherd who leads us beside still
waters, inviting us to feast on your gospel promises. Yet, too often we
make light of them and live our lives the way we desire. May we see
the mercy you grant us: when we are weary, you restore our souls;
when we walk through difficult trials, you carry us and make your
presence know to us. Oh Lord, forgive us and fill us with your Holy
Spirit. Seeking your peace, may we dwell on what is true, honorable,
just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy. In
the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.