

EMMAUS

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Series: HOPEFUL

Sunday gathering #716

Sermon: Choosing Hope

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A hundred men on Mars

Mary's Song : The Magnificat

Luke 1:39-55 (p. 715)

- . part of Christian worship since the _____ days.
- . prayed _____ in monastic communities around the world.
- . the most words spoken by a _____ in the New Testament.
- . the first _____ carol composed.
- . _____ from public use multiple times in the 20th century.

What is Mary singing?

- . a song of _____ to God.
- . (because) God _____.
- . (because) God is doing _____ for her.

What else is Mary singing?

(banned in _____, _____, and _____).

God is bringing _____ to the oppressed.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"It is at once the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung. This is not the gentle, tender, dreamy Mary whom we sometimes see in paintings; this is the passionate, surrendered, proud, enthusiastic Mary who speaks out here."

Mary sings this song:

- . After the _____ (God has done this _____).
- . Before it _____ (God will do this _____).

Question:

Respond: go deeper.

- . Discuss a helpful/interesting idea from our Advent series, HOPEFUL.
- . Have you ever read Mary's song and felt hopeful or threatened? Why?
- . Re-read Luke 1:26-56 and share your insights and questions.
- . Why is Mary singing?
- . What is the significance of the timing of her song?
- . What song are you singing?

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