

## Fear Not Series Worship Plan

	<b>Advent 1 - HOPE</b>	<b>Advent 2 - PEACE</b>	<b>Advent 3 - JOY</b>	<b>Advent 4 - LOVE</b>
Scripture	Luke 1:5-25	Luke 1:26-38 & 46-55	Matthew 1:18-25	Luke 2:8-14
Key Verse	<i>Don't fear, Zachariah. Your prayer has been heard.</i>	<i>She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.</i>	<i>As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him</i>	<i>the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.</i>
Hymn 1	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i> UMH #203	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> UMH #196	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> UMH #211 vs. 1-4	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> UMH #238
Sermon Theme	Zechariah feared he was too old to do what God was calling him to do. He couldn't imagine God's ability. You are never too old or too young to be a messenger for God. God can do anything! If God proclaims we'll be used to do God's will, then we can trust God will enable us to do what needs to be done! Don't be afraid to HOPE.	"We can do hard things!" Yes, it's scary but the world may be relying on your 'yes'! If God calls you to something, God will provide the means to accomplish the task. Mary is the embodiment of faith beyond fear, she knew she'd face hardship but she trusted & knew she was blessed! Our faith & trust bring us PEACE as we do the crazy things God calls us to do.	Don't be afraid of what other people think. Even if your knees shake, stand confidently before your peers. Trusting God's judgement is all that matters. We often rely on others to tell us how we should behave and act, not God. Like Joseph, when we follow what God says, the whole world benefits. We find JOY when we trust beyond our fears.	God interrupts our lives and that can be scary, but the news is so good it must be shared! No matter who you are, you have news to share! Our position in life influences how we perceive ourselves. Sometimes we are the biggest obstacle in our own calling. Don't be afraid to go places you feel unwelcomed. God's LOVE was shared first with the lowly.
Sermon Title	<i>Fear Not, Zechariah!</i>	<i>Fear Not, Mary!</i>	<i>Fear Not, Joseph!</i>	<i>Fear Not, Shepherds!</i>
Hymn 2	<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i> UMH #198	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> UMH #216	<i>There's a Son in the Air</i> UMH #249	<i>People, Look East</i> UMH #202
Homework	Trust God is able to use you.	Say 'Yes' to God.	Stand out for God.	Share the Good News!
Questions to Ponder	What's something you're too old to do? How has God surprised you in your life?	What is the hardest thing you've ever done? How has that benefitted someone else?	What's your most embarrassing moment? How did you get past the embarrassment?	What's the biggest surprise you've ever gotten? Who have you talked to about God recently?
Notes	Benediction Response for the series: <i>The King of Glory Comes</i> FWS #2091 Call to Worship: <i>Canticle of Zechariah</i> UMH #208			

UMH = *The United Methodist Hymnal* FWS = *The Faith We Sing* W&S = *Worship and Song*

Unless noted otherwise scriptures come from the Common English Bible

The 'homework' and 'Questions to ponder' are printed in our bulletin and the 'homework' also appears on our screens at the end of worship.

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