

| Today's Service                 | December 8, 2024  |
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| Worship Presider                | Elder Victor Wong |
| Congregational Worship          | Kyle Ng           |
| Worship Through Scripture       | Pastor Phil Yoder |
| Congregational Worship Response | Kyle Ng           |
| Benediction                     | Pastor Phil Yoder |

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## Sermon Notes – Mary: An Overflow From a Godly Heart

Luke 1:46-56

Mary's (Jesus' mother) Magnificat song in Luke 1:46-56 reveals an outflow of a heart steeped in God's word. She faithfully reveals her own personal need for a Savior and a focus on God's faithfulness.

| 1. Mary's attitude of worship (46-48) |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Mary's                                | worship    |
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| Mary's                                | worship    |
| Mary's                                | in worship |
| 2. Mary's object of worship (49-51)   |            |
| God was her                           |            |
| God saves his                         |            |
| God seeks and saves the               |            |
| 3. Mary's reasons for worship (51-56) |            |
| Acts of the                           |            |
| Acts in the                           |            |
| Acts for her people in the            |            |

HUG small group discussion questions:

- 1. What does it mean to "magnify the Lord?"
- 2. What Mary so special that she didn't need a Savior?
- 3. On what qualities of the Lord are you dwelling?
- 4. On what acts of the Lord are you dwelling?
- 5. What does it mean to "fear the Lord?"

When we focus on God as the center and reason for our worship, there's no telling what miracles He will do for us!

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The deacons would like to support you in prayer. Please email prayer requests to

prayer@journeyec.org

**Holiday Bible/Book Sale** (70-95% off) on the outside table on the lawn. Read & study the Bible in 2025 or gift a Bible or book for Christmas. Also check out the special table of books from Rev. Wayland Wong's library donated for your reading & use.

Connect with GO Team (Global Outreach) Partner - Koleen French

Save the date: Sunday, 12/15/24 - 9:00am

Come start your Sunday morning with coffee and morning refreshments as Koleen will be sharing during JEC FBH (Family Bible Hour). It will be a great hour of hearing how God has been at work in her life and in her ministry at World Team and to show her some JEC love.

## This week on campus...

Tuesday 12/10 10:30am JEC Sisters Bible Study @ Chinese Church Room

2-4pm Ping Pong @ MPR

Saturday 12/14 9:30-10:30am ESL Ministry, Room 106

Sunday 12/15 9:00-10:00am FBH Sharing by Coleen French. Refreshments will be served

Sunday 12/22 10:30am Christmas service. Special refreshments by the Deacons

## The Honey Bear Squeeze Bottle by Elder Peter Leung

On my first business trip to a small town in Tennessee, I had breakfast at a coffee shop/diner style restaurant. Waiting for my breakfast, I noticed that on the table was a plastic honey squeeze bottle next to the ketchup and mustard bottles. I'm born and raised in Los Angeles, so, although I had seen honey squeeze bottles, I had never seen them on a restaurant table. So, I tried to discreetly figure out why, by watching other diners, and also intent on not embarrassing myself with my ignorance of what the honey was doing on the table. Some of you readers are probably laughing right now, because it's obvious to you what the bottle was all about.

So, I when I squeezed out some honey onto my biscuit and took a bite, I was "sold". So delicious. If you haven't tried honey on a biscuit, because you're a sophisticated Californian, you should try it.

Did you know that honey is used in Bible to characterize the scriptures?

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103

As great as honey can taste to us, the scriptures are even better! We're all familiar with this passage,

The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone. 2 Tim 3:16 – 17

So, when you see the honey bear bottle, be reminded that the scriptures are an even sweeter gift from God than is the sweetness of honey dripping off the side of that biscuit you're holding.

