

## ***Liturgical Date: Year B, Advent 3, December 13th, 2020***

**Presenter** Rev Greg McConnell  
**Focus Reading** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
**Message** 7 minutes 40 seconds **“Living between the Promise and fulfillment.”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. How do we go on hoping as we wait for the fulfillment?
2. Can you recall a time when your faith/hope sustained you?
3. How does your church make Christ present?
4. How can your congregation embody hope?

### **Other Lectionary readings for the day**

**Psalm 126** The psalmist remembers a time of rejoicing in God’s acts for Zion, and implores God to act again on behalf of the community. The supplication to God contains the affirmation that God displays willingness to heal and restore.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** Because God works in the community and within individuals (body, soul, and spirit) to sanctify, the church can rejoice, give thanks, pray, resist evil, and draw upon the Holy Spirit.

**John 1:6-8, 19-28** Though not the actual light, or Elijah, or the prophet, John (the Baptist) bears witness to the light, to the one greater than John. John embodies the words of Isaiah as one who cries out in anticipation of God’s act.

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**All Age Message** Maria Williams **“JOY-the Song of Mary Magnificat”**

**Approx. Length** 6 minutes 40 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

With the use of a ‘Doodly’ presentation we hear and see the meaning of the Magnificat. As well as the song saying, ‘My Soul Magnifies the Lord’, the song is woven with strong threads of truth, faith and justice. With humility we can think more of the poor and outcasts realising all people are important in God’s sight. We learn the Latin words for this song and hear it sung.

**Resources** **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 126, page 342.**

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