

We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. The opening prayer and questions 1 and 2 are from Beth Richardson's book The Uncluttered Heart.

God of delight, let me see the world today through your joyful eyes. Let me feel your love for me and neighbor; may I join with you in delighting in all that you have created. Amen.

- 1. What are the desires of your heart as we enter a week with the theme of joy?
- 2. What blocks you from experiencing joy in your life? in the life of your community? in the world?
- 3. Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord" (Luke 1:46). What does this mean? How does your soul magnify the Lord? How might our church family magnify the Lord?
- 4. Luke 1:46-55 is Mary's response and song of praise, known as the Magnificat. When have you offered a hymn of song of praise to God? What is the song of praise you desire to offer to God now?