

4. What would have happened if Mary had said 'no'?
  
5. Can you think of a time in your life when you said 'no' to an invitation or message from God?
  
6. What is the message that an angel might be bringing you today, that begins with the words "Do not be afraid"?



*Touching heaven, changing earth  
with head, heart and hands*

**Sunday, December 17, 2017  
Luke 1:26-56**

*We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself, or discuss them with friends. Many small groups use them for discussion; if you would like to participate in a group, visit [www.laumc.org/grouplife](http://www.laumc.org/grouplife).*

Parker Palmer says, "When the going gets tough, turn to wonder."

1. How do you usually react when you see something strange, or not what you expect?
  
2. Can you think of a time when "turning to wonder" might have changed your reaction to a new person or experience in your life?
  
3. Imagine yourself in Mary's place when the angel came to her. How do you think you would have responded to the angel?

You are invited to come to an Advent discussion group to share your answers to these questions, your own reflections on the sermon, and the daily Advent devotional:

- Tuesday, December 19, 10:00–11:30am, Resource Center
- Thursday, December 21, 7:00–8:30pm, Resource Center

