

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Be Amazed: Joy Will Spring Up in the Desert

December 14th, 2025

*Joy seems to me a step beyond happiness; it is a sort of atmosphere you can live in
Joy is a light that fills you with hope and faith and love. ~ Thomas Merton*

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 35:1-6)

Hymn O Come, O Come, Immanuel **VT 210** (v 1, 4, 7)

HEARING TO THE WORD

Praying with Poetry A Yellow Tulip by Denise Levertov

Hymn Oh how shall I receive thee **VT 215**

A Time for All God's Children

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon Joy, even in the dark? David Moser

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed **VT 221**

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

Hymn To Us a Child of Hope Is Born **VT 259**

Benediction (From Isaiah 35:8-10)



Mark Cazalet, Advent Station 3
The Annunciation, 2024

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