

Thursday, 4:15 p.m. + Friday, 7:00 p.m., William Spoelhof Center, Gezon Auditorium

## The Magnificat in Four Acts

In this interactive playful and prayerful worship service, we will move through the Great Reversal in Mary's song, embracing God's Kingdom where rulers are brought down and the humble are lifted up.

*I am constantly struck by the proximity of "play" and "pray"; this is brought home to me in serendipitous messages from my word processor, when my fingers take on a life of their own and I find myself writing, "It will be necessary to play about this."*

Margaret Guenther from *The God Hunt* (Karen Mains, 2003, InterVarsity Press)

**Prelude:** *The Magnificat*

### Act 1: Praise You.

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name. Luke 1:46–49*

**Enacted Scripture:** Luke 1:39–45

**Response:** Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Mystery of the Incarnation

+ **Psalm 138** with *I Sing Your Praise*

**Response:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### Act 2: I'm Sorry.

*His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. Luke 1:50–51*

**Enacted Scripture:** Luke 18:9–14

**Response:** *Humble Thyself*

+ Friday evening service only

**Response:** Confession  
Invitation to Confession  
*Have Mercy*

**Assurance of Pardon**  
+ Psalm 103 with *Bless the Lord, My Soul*  
*This is Amazing Grace*

**Act 3: Help!**  
*He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.* Luke 1:52–53

**Enacted Scripture:** Luke 6:20–28

**Response:** *Salaam/Peace*

**Prayer of Intercession** with *Gbemi Yesu/Lift Me, Jesus*

+ **Psalm 72** with *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

**Response:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**Act 4: Thank you!**  
*He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.* Luke 1:54–55

**Enacted Scripture:** Luke 18:35–43

**Response:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

+ **Psalm 150** with *Everything that Has Breath*

**Sending:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*