

Simi Valley United Methodist Church - Week Day Readings

We invite you to use these texts and questions for centering this week.

Monday - Read Luke 2: 8-20

- ◆ This is the shepherds' story in full. Notice how they leave the experienced changed.
- ◆ What experiences have you had that have left you a new person?

Tuesday - Read Matthew 2: 1-12

- ◆ This is the magis' story in full. Their experience is one of being overjoyed as well.
- ◆ How do you imagine their lives were lived after they went home?

Wednesday - Read Luke 2:25-38

- ◆ How do you understand Simeon and Anna in light of the teaching on being a "sign-seer" or "herald-hearer"?
- ◆ Compare Simeon's prophecy with the promises of Gabriel (Luke 1:30-33). How do you imagine Mary lived into the tensions of these prophecies?

Thursday - Read Matthew 2: 13-23

- ◆ Jesus' story is not without drama and tragedy.
- ◆ Say a prayer for those who mourn, grieve, or are filled with anger, loneliness, and depression in their Journey to Christmas this year.

Friday - Read Matthew 1 : 18-25

- ◆ Read the birth story of Matthew **out loud to another** as you prepare for Christmas Eve.

Saturday - Read Luke 2: 1-20

- ◆ Read the birth story of Luke **out loud to another** as you prepare for Christmas .