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Sunday, November 13, 2022

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Gregory White, Interim Organist  
Allan Andrews, Interim Choral Director

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 13, 2022  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a. m.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.)

*(Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.)*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the Pastor.

Prelude      "How Great Thou Art"      Arr. D. Miller  
                 "O Store Gud" - a Swedish Folk Melody

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

One: God is continually creating something new.

**All: We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.**

One: Through all this change, God is with us.

**All: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.**

One: Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

+\* Hymn #665      *As Morning Dawns*

Prayer of Confession      **(in unison)**

**Merciful God, we come to you with an honest reckoning of the ways we have failed to live as your faithful children. You give us opportunities to serve and love others, and we withdraw into lives of selfishness and greed. Your Spirit empowers new life, yet we are resistant to change and cling to what is**

**familiar. Despite your abiding presence, sometimes we let hopelessness gain the upper hand. Forgive us, O God. Restore our trust in you and your goodness and help us walk more faithfully in your holy way of love. Amen.**

*(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)*

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. God loves us, forgives us, and raises us to new life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

+\* Song of Praise **(in unison)** (#582 hymnal)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another. Worshippers may greet one another with a hand shake, fist bump, or steepled hands saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."*

+\*Sung response (sung to the tune of Hymn 400) **(In unison)**

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination **(In unison)**

**O God, we pray for open hearts and minds to you words this day. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 98 (p. 551 of the OT in pew Bible)

Second Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 (p. 696 of the OT in pew Bible)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Proclamation: *Glory to God* found in your hymnal p. 583

Sermon "Listening for the Melody"

\*Hymn #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Musical Offering

Doxology (Hymn 592) **(In unison)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

.....(*concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #819 *Be Still, My Soul*

\*Benediction

Postlude "Toccata" E. Butler  
*(The congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude)*

\*congregation may stand  
+latecomers may be seated

The Chancel Flowers are given by Connie Michael in thanksgiving for the courage, honor and sacrifice of all veterans who have served our country, many at great personal cost.

Participating in Worship: The Rev. Tracy S. Daub, Pastor  
Gregory White, Interim Organist  
Allan Andrews, Interim Choral Director  
Dennis Erickson, Liturgist

Greeters: Sandy Boag, Sharon Melius  
Live streamer: Val Macer

*Next Sunday:*  
*Liturgist: Val Macer*  
*Greeters: Scott Horton, Sharon Melius*  
Live streamer: David Bartley

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## DECREE

Sunday, Nov. 13	10:30 am 11:30 am	Worship Service Fellowship Hour
Monday, Nov. 14	9:30 am	Zoom Adult Ed
Tuesday, Nov. 15	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Youth Support Team Food Pantry Open
Thursday, Nov. 17	12:00 pm 7:30 PM	Food Pantry Open Choir
Sunday, Nov. 20	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Hour

## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN: EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT

The focus of this Advent's Alternative Christmas Gift Campaign will be on Education and Empowerment for Women and Girls, as offered through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog. Across the world, when women and girls receive education and economic opportunity, communities thrive. Your gift will help provide agricultural and vocational training, teacher training to reach girls in remote areas, literacy education, and access to loans and credit services. These efforts help reduce hunger and poverty in their communities.

Starting on Sunday November 27, there will be a table in the narthex staffed by a Ministry to Community Member where you can make a donation and receive a card or cards (designed by Janet Mazzaroppi) to let a friend or loved one know you have made this gift in their honor.

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## JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT STUDY SERIES BASED ON

*Holy Disruption*, by Tracy S. Daub

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Mondays beginning Nov. 28 – Dec. 19

9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Join us on Zoom each Monday in Advent for a discussion of the corresponding chapter in the book. Each chapter stands alone, so feel free to attend whenever you are able!

The Zoom link is emailed each week.

Books are available online through Amazon, Westminster John Knox press, or Barnes and Noble.



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The Gospel of Mark doesn't have a nativity story—so where's the Advent message? It's in every aspect of Jesus' life, to his death and beyond. The Incarnation—God come to earth in human form to be baptized, teach, heal, eat, and die—is what we celebrate at Christmas, and Mark shows us just how radical and celebration-worthy it is! *Holy Disruption* presents a fresh understanding of the holiness of Christmas grounded, not in a conventional cozy Christmas message, but through Mark's disquieting gospel which invites its readers to experience God's disruptive but transformative love for us and our world.

This year our church will use the season of Advent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year.

## **Welcome Visitors**

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), its members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. Moreover, UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

Pastor	The Reverend Tracy S. Daub
Interim Organist	Gregory White
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### **Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church**

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

**“Let Us Be Bread”**