

# Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, USA



## *Harvesting Generosity*

### **SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

*Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*~ Dag Hammarskjold*

# GENEROSITY DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 14, 2021 10:30 a.m.

## PREPARATORY MUSIC

Give me Jesus

- arr. Moses Hogan

## THE PRESENTATION OF SCRIPTURE

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth and all that is in it belongs to God.

People: **God has created all things on the earth below and in the heavens above.**

Leader: God has established the day and the night, created the seasons, and given us this day to be alive.

People: **We praise the Holy God for these many blessings. We open our hands to receive God's good gifts. We offer our lives in gratitude to God.**

### HYMN No. 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

(congregation may stand)

- Henry Purcell

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the universe, eternal presence, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves too harshly and feel unworthy of your grace and your call upon our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed and generous spirits to serve you and our world. Now in the worship silence, we come to you with our private meditations.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### RESPONSE No. 583

Glory to God (Gloria, Gloria)

(congregation may stand)

-Pablo Sosa

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, LIVE-STREAM CHECK-IN, AND JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### HYMN

Blessed be Your Name

(congregation may stand)

-Beth Redman and Matt Redman

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:21-28

### RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"Left There for the Lord"

- Tim Stern

### THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 35, debts & debtors)

### THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

Grateful

- Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, Stefan Green, and Steven Furtick

### RESPONSE

A Thousand Amens

(congregation may stand)

- Tim Timmons

### DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, ELECTRONIC AND ONLINE GIVING

### HYMN No. 712

(congregation may stand)

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

- arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

**THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(congregation may stand)

**CLOSING MUSIC** (vv. 1 & 3, C)

Blessed by Your Name

(congregation remain standing)

-Beth Redman and Matt Redman

**POSTLUDE**

Blessed by Your Name

-Beth Redman and Matt Redman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Offerings are received at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you!*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PAGEANT REHEARSAL!** Join us on **Tuesdays**, after LOGOS, from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. We are preparing music and drama parts for the Christmas pageant to be held on December 19th at the 10:30 am service. Ages 4 and up are welcome. Casting is complete, but we have many non-speaking roles available and we welcome everyone to join in our songs. Please reach out to Abbey Boudreau - [mrsaboudreau@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsaboudreau@yahoo.com) or Christina Nelson - [christinajoy87@gmail.com](mailto:christinajoy87@gmail.com) if you have any questions. See you on Tuesdays!

**GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS:** An Evening of Remembrance and Thankfulness

You are invited to our annual Grief and the Holidays session on Tuesday, **November 16th at 7:30 pm**, which will be on Zoom. Whether you are new to grief or grieving anew during the holidays this year, this is an opportunity to process and prepare, while being comforted by your church family and faith. Pastor Tim Stern and Deacons Cathy Debus and Linnie Girdner will be facilitating. Any questions, contact Pastor Tim Stern at [tsstern@arkanddove.org](mailto:tsstern@arkanddove.org) or 410-674-6400 or Linnie Girdner, at [girdnerlinda@gmail.com](mailto:girdnerlinda@gmail.com) or 410-999-7892.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES - MOVING INDOORS:** With the announcement of vaccines available to children ages 5-11 and the certainty of colder weather to come, we've decided to hold Sunday School, Godly Play, Youth Groups, and LOGOS indoors when being outside is not feasible. If the "feels like" temperature is below 45° F and/or there is precipitation, classes may be held inside. All attempts to increase fresh air circulation will be implemented. Masks will continue to be required regardless of vaccination status and there will be NO eating inside. Please continue to send your children in weather appropriate clothing for outside classes. Decisions whether to convene inside or outside may be made at the start time of classes. *Any questions or concerns about this please contact Sara Fox at [christianed@arkanddove.org](mailto:christianed@arkanddove.org).*

**SIX MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP COURSE:** Pastor Tim will offer a Zoom course on Wednesday **December 1 at 7:00 pm** called The Six Marks of Discipleship. This is about the promises we make to each other as members of Ark and Dove Church. We warmly invite and strongly encourage all members to take this course at least one time. This 75 minute course is especially helpful for people who have joined in the last four years. Please sign up by contacting [Admin@arkanddove.org](mailto:Admin@arkanddove.org). You will receive a Zoom invitation on November 30, 2021.

**ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT:** How often do you talk with family about race? With friends? With friends of another race? Do you see a connection between the church, politics, and race? We are called to build community with all people who make up the body of Christ. "God doesn't love us because we always get it right. God loves us because God made us, and the gift of being in community with one another means being able to learn..." Please read "Anxious to Talk About It" by Carolyn B. Helsel and join us for a **zoom discussion on November 21st at 12:30 pm**. Contact Paula Sparks, [trebleclef48@gmail.com](mailto:trebleclef48@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

**ADVENT BOOK STUDY:** During this Advent season we will be reading *A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for an Uncertain Time* written by Thomas G. Long & Donyelle C. McCray. There are a variety of dates and times to choose from. If interested, contact our Christian Education Elder, Sara, at [christianed@arkanddove.org](mailto:christianed@arkanddove.org) to receive the link to the online signup form. **Books will be purchased for anyone who indicates interest in joining by November 24th.**

	Leader	Days/Time
Group A	Pastor Jon Nelson	Thursdays- Dec. 2nd and 16th at 8PM
Group B	Kim Champagne	Friday - Dec. 3rd and 17th at 7:30 PM
Group C	Achsah Callahan	Sundays - before or after Worship, tentatively Dec. 5 & 19 <sup>th</sup>

**WHAT IS THIS LAND WE LIVE ON?** This land we live on has a complicated story - to explore that we will have a 3-part drop-in-friendly series about the Indigenous, Enslaved, and Environmental parts of the land we live on and how faith ties in. Each week we'll discuss what we can do as Christians on this land to acknowledge

these stories and what we can do with this awareness. Meets **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** via Zoom. Email Katie Nilsen Johnson ([KNilsenJohnson@gmail.com](mailto:KNilsenJohnson@gmail.com)) for Zoom link and any information.

**Tuesday, November 16** - This Enslaved Land

**Tuesday, November 23** - This Indigenous Land

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**Welcome!** We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us! Join us again, every Sunday, 10:30 am for an in-person and livestreamed worship service and Godly Play Sunday School for grades pre-K thru 5; or a contemplative music service Sundays at 9:00 am. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to [admin@arkanddove.org](mailto:admin@arkanddove.org).

*We are a **Matthew 25 church** and a **More Light church!***

**Ministry Leaders**

**Liturgist** –10:30 Catherine Chambers

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