

## St. Mark's Church

# Crisis and Opportunity in a VUCA World

### Adult Forum

*Sundays at 9am, beginning September 20*

The world is in of crisis. The U. S. military describes this state with the acronym VUCA, -- Vulnerable, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous. The Chinese character for *crisis* is the same as that for *opportunity*. So, as ancient Chinese wisdom would have it, we live in a world of opportunity. Jesus expects us to seize this opportunity.

During the fall, parishioners and special guest speakers will share their perspectives on this emerging new world. Together we, as individuals and as a church, will listen, learn, discern, and discuss questions such as: What is happening in the world? What does the future look like? How will our organizations and institutions evolve? What do we need to do to prepare? What does the Church have to learn from the world? What does the Church have to offer the world? What can we do, as people of faith, to make the world a better place?

September 20 **The Rev. Peter Walsh** –Rector, St. Mark's Church: *“Introduction to the VUCA dialogue”*

September 27 **Alison Gruseke** - Doctoral candidate in Old Testament/Yale: *“VUCA in the Old Testament”*

October 4 **Teresa Ressel** - CEO of UBS Securities, LLC.

October 11 **The Rev. Peter Walsh** – *“The VUCA State of Religion in the World Today”*

October 18 **Stephen Roach** - Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia-Pacific, former Chief Economist

#### *Future speakers include...*

**Jeffrey Fager**, Executive Producer of 60 Minutes on CBS

**Jamie Forese**, Co-Head of Global Capital Markets for Citigroup Inc.

**The Rt. Rev. James Curry**, Suffragan Bishop of Connecticut

**Christopher “Mad Dog” Russo**, Mad Dog Radio/Sirius XM Satellite Radio sports personality

**Matthew Seiler**, CEO Universal McCann

**Brandon Sweitzer**, Senior Fellow & Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
and former President of Marsh, Inc.

**Dayton Ogden**, CEO of Spencer Stuart, Executive Search