



Worship

*Our Call
For Such a Time as This*

Saturday May 16, 2020
10:15 AM

PRESBYTERY *of* PHILADELPHIA

CHRIST'S WORK ♦ OUR WITNESS



Call to Worship

Friends, in the midst of an uncertainty that frames the narrative of life around us, a narrative threaded with death and fear; in the midst of this unprecedented moment in time when our yearning to be with one another continues to grow, we gather to claim who we are as a people of Easter hope.

Rev. Samantha Hudson

We gather as we encounter an uneasy silence in our streets caused by a pandemic that keeps us physically apart. And yet we recall the unexpected silence of an Easter morning long ago that birthed a resurrection power that continues to ignite hope within us today.

Commissioned Lay Pastor Roland Reeves

It is in that hope that we gather to claim that we are bound by the one Spirit whose presence and embrace draws us together, a Holy and life-giving Spirit that compels us forward, defying all that would keep us from God and one another.

Rev. Randy Barge

And so this is our call to one another. From every corner of this presbytery – from the city, to the suburbs to the rural edges - let us come together, walking together in faith, offering the sounds of our hearts and minds to the resurrected Christ.

Elder Robert Kenworthy:

Amen

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Trumpet Solo, Rev. Peter Ahn

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Sarah Cooper-Searight

Scripture Readings

John 13:34-35

Rev. Kenneth Ross

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Esther 4:12-14

Rev. Cheryl Pynch

"When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

Meditation: What Time is it?

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

Rev. Kevin Porter



Small Group Reflections

The Peace of Christ and Sharing a Moment of Hope

Commissioning of the 224th General Assembly Delegation*

Elder Vijay Aggarwal (Wayne)

Rev. Ashley Rossi (Carmel)

Rev. Anna Grant-Borden (Mt Airy)

Rev. Pam McShane (Tree of Life)

Rev. Leah Miller (Anchor)

Rev. Todd Stavrakos (Gladwyne)

Elder Megan Acedo (Beacon)

Elder Eck Gerner (Swarthmore)

Elder Lois Hayman-El (West Philadelphia)

Elder Lloyd Higgins (Oxford)

Will Gillespie, Youth Adult Advisory Delegate (Wayne)

For the first time in our denomination's history, the Committee of Office of the General Assembly (COGA) is preparing a gathering that will be totally online on **June 19, 26, and 27, 2020. They ask all of our churches to join with them as they step into these uncertain times with the faith and certainty that God will sustain and embolden us into the future. For more information on this unprecedented meeting: <https://ga-pcusa.org>*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Todd Stavrakos

Elder Megan Acedo

Response after the words "in your mercy"

"Lord hear our prayer"

Invitation to Generosity and Gratitude

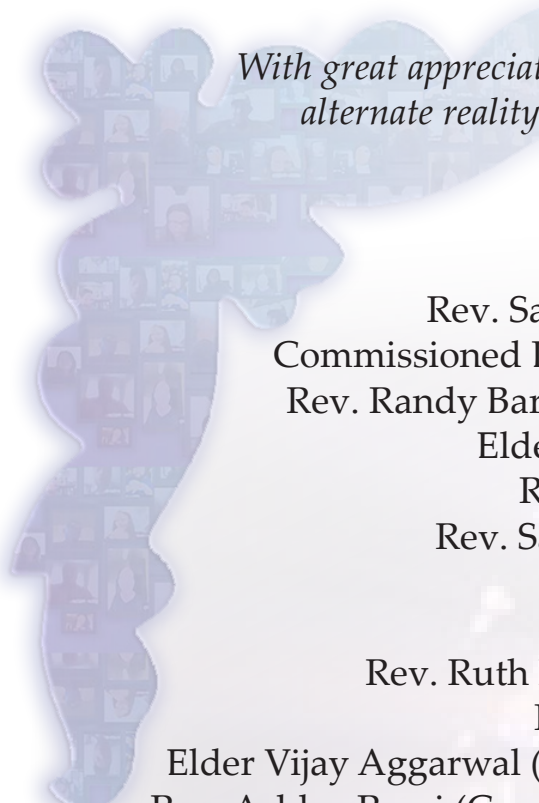
Elder Mike Henry

Sung Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing *Amazing Grace*

Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall

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With great appreciation for all who contributed to making this meeting an alternate reality of hope in the midst of these unprecedented times

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