

In need of special prayers this week: Al Foster, Stewart Boerner, Shirley Palmer, Jack Waite, Linda Lonsinger, Janice Lufkin, Ned & Bobbie Leiby, Linda Gustafson, Jane Thomson, Hiroko Dean (mother of John Dean), Cliff Boggs (cousin of Thomas Boggs), Jeanne Mueller (mother of Anne-Marie Constable), Bernice Carson Smith (niece of Amy Carson Smith), Erma Yerkes, Bill Barwis, Allen Wells (brother of Gwen Bihn), Tom Galloway (brother of Roy Galloway), Joseph May (father of Debbie Gallagher), Joan Thompson, Will Das (nephew of Lynda Smyth), Dianne Faust, Kristin Rothfuss Erbst (daughter of Julia & Guy Rothfuss), Steven Sutton (son of Bill Sutton).

We offer special prayers for comfort and sympathy to the family of Clement F. Brown as they mourn his recent death.

During Today's Worship: If you need assistance, please ask an usher to assist you.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery (Rooms 110, 112). Travel through the door to the left of the chancel and down the steps.

Children's bulletins are available at each door.

Large-print bulletins including hymns and individual hearing devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

We request that cell phones be set in silent mode while in the sanctuary.

For information regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals, please call the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

About today's guest preacher **The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace**, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Philadelphia: Ruth began her journey of faith in New York City at the Church of the Crossroads (La Encrucijada) – one of the largest Hispanic Presbyterian churches at that time. Her path to ordained ministry followed a rich professional journey in international and national economic development. With a Masters in Public Administration, she used her gifts as a "bridge-builder" in Washington, DC and Rome, Italy. In 1994, after graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, she was called to be on the staff of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA where she served for thirteen years as Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship.

In 2014, after serving for nine years as Executive Presbyter in San Gabriel Presbytery in southern California, Ruth became the first woman installed as Executive Presbyter in the first presbytery and one of the largest in our nation – the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Her commitment to the "theology of the table" has shaped her leadership decisions and actions as she seeks to lead and walk along-side congregations and their leadership. Ruth has been described as linguistically tri-lingual (speaking English, Spanish and Italian) and theologically bi-lingual – bringing together people of different cultures and theological perspectives.

Ruth is married to the Rev. Dr. Edward Santana-Grace, who leads an institute on coaching professionals and developing healthy business practices and relationships. They are the parents of Dakota Daniel (23 years old, a recent graduate of Harvard University) and David who lives in Italy.

She is currently completing her Doctor of Ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary and is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at Princeton Theological Seminary. She also serves on the Board of the Presbyterian Foundation.

*In Loving Memory
of*

Clement F. Brown

8/13/1918 - 4/6/2017

The church office is closed Monday, April 17th.

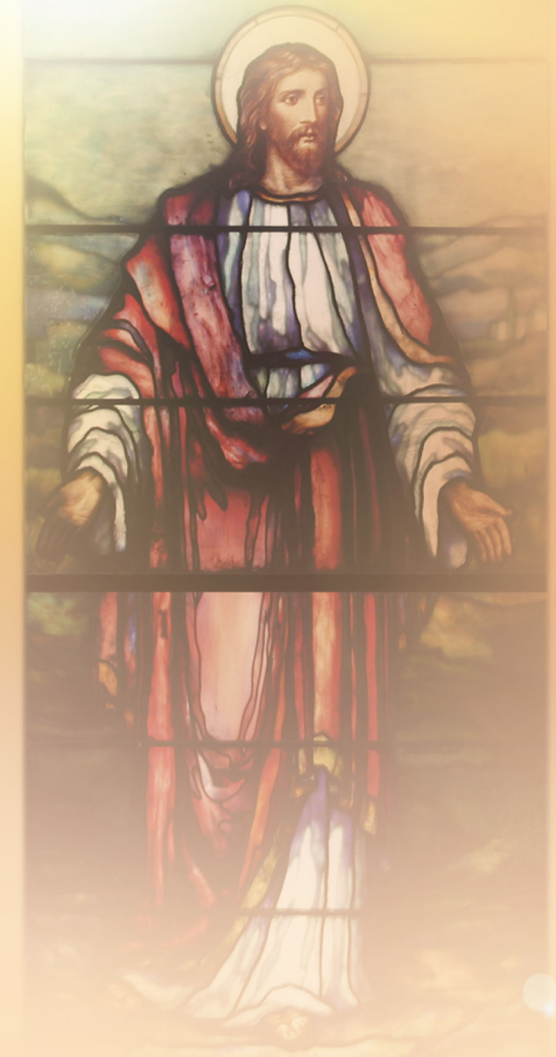
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Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19b-20



Abington Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2017

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

9:00 am & 11:00 am

GATHERING

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen

PRELUDE Brass Preludes
Easter Alleluias *Gordon Slater*

WELCOME

INTROIT Easter Introit *John Ferguson*

Listen. The One who bore God's heart,
the One who spoke God's peace,
the One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord.
Death was no prison for him. Jesus is raised and among us.
All that you see and hear comes from the One who was freed.
Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP ** -Those able, please stand*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN 232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today *EASTER HYMN*

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation; bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Hymn 236 v.1*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* SHARING OF THE PEACE *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(9:00)ANTHEM Crown Him With Many Crowns *arr. David N. Johnson*
The Chapel Choir sings an anthem setting of Hymn #268

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children will remain in worship following the Children's Message.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 *Bible NT Pgs. 114-115*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON Holding on While Letting Go *Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace*

* HYMN 246 Christ Is Alive! *TRURO*

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY The Day of Resurrection *arr. Brian Wentzel*
The Chancel Choir sings an arrangement of the text from Hymn #233 set to a reformation-era tune.

* DOXOLOGY The Strife is O'er *Hymn 236, V. 3*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *HYMN TO JOY*

SENDING

* THE BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE Hallelujah Chorus *G.F. Handel*
The congregation is invited to join the choirs in singing the Hallelujah Chorus.
Copies of the music can be found in the hymnal racks.

* POSTLUDE The Strife is O'er *Gordon Young*

Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace
Liturgist: Rev. Diane J. Fitch
Chancel and Chapel Choirs: John Sall, Director
Organist: Ethel Geist
Children's Message: Ruth Sall
Brass: Todd Ridky & Allen Tollen, trumpet; Jeff Bates, horn; James Gicking, trombone; Jim Hicks, tuba

We are glad you are worshiping with us and invite you to participate in the ministry and service of Abington Presbyterian Church.

Ushers today are:
(9:00) Howard Maisenhelder, Doug Callantine, Joe DiBello, Nicholas DiBello, Todd Lukens, Cindi Willis.
(11:00) Barry Rowland, Ruth Draper, David Faust, David Rowland, Ashbil Gill, Barbara Rowland.

Greeters today are:
(9:00) Pete Morris and Kim Bray (11:00) Amanda Wikoff, Alice Price, Darcy Callantine-Linton.