

*Obituary*  
DR. KAREN ROSE CLARK

May 26, 1942 - February 27, 2022

Dr. Karen Rose Clark, PhD (nee Jandreau) Age 79, of Center City Philadelphia, a social activist and eternal educator, died peacefully at her home in Philadelphia surrounded by family, after battling cancer on Sunday, February 27, 2022. Born May 26, 1942 in Brooklyn New York to immigrant parents and later moved to Schenectady N.Y., Karen received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, later returning to U of P, in her 50's to complete her doctorate in education. As a middle school teacher, college professor, social justice advocate and parent - she touched people of all ages and backgrounds throughout her life. Karen believed all people deserved equal opportunity and the right to be treated with dignity. Where you are going, they are very lucky to have you – you are deeply loved and will be missed. Preceded in death by her husband, H. Fred Clark, in 2012, Karen is survived by her children, Alexandra Don Konics, Peter Don Konics, Elisabeth Falcione (m. Alfred), step-children, Marianne Vittelo, Melanie Spagnoli, Christopher Clark (m. Anne), her 10 grandchildren, Timothy Clark, Christina Ricevutto, Joseph Ricevutto, Sydney Sharp, Benjamin Clark, Luke Sharp, Wade Clark, Mia Spagnoli, Giana Vitiello and Sophia Vitiello, and sister Rosanne Roth (m. Michael) and niece Allison Jandreau-Heil and nephew Robert Tubbs. Karen also leaves behind her recent spouse (2019) Patrick McGeever. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Karen's memory to First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) Social Justice Ministries, 6001 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19144 or [www.fumcog.org](http://www.fumcog.org).

The family has invited everyone to a luncheon on Saturday at 1PM at La Collina Restorante at 37 Ashland Ave, Bala Cynwyd 19004. It is about 15 minutes from FUMCOG.

There will also be a small reception at the church immediately after the the service for those who wish to greet the family but will not come to the luncheon.

IN LOVING MEMORY  
*Celebrating the life of*  
KAREN CLARK



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022  
First United Methodist Church of Germantown

# MEMORIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF KAREN CLARK

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March 19, 2022, First United Methodist Church of Germantown

## Prelude

## Greeting

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Germantown and the Memorial Service celebrating the life of Karen Clark, a child of and a faithful witness to life and the light of God's love. We come together acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow we may have hope and in death we may know the resurrection of life.

## Congregational Prayer *(Read together)*

**Eternal God, you love us with and everlasting love; and you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning.**

**We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Karen whom you have graciously received into your presence.**

**Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the silence of these moments, speak to us of eternal things, that through the comfort of the Scripture we might have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and sorrow into the light and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Hymn** UMH 378                      *"Amazing Grace"*                      *Standing with body and spirit*

**Scripture**                      Ecclesiastes 3:1-8                      *Read by Rosanne Roth*

**Reflections**                      Alexandra Don Konics  
Peter Don Konics  
Elisabeth Falcione,  
Sydney Sharp/Luke Sharp  
Pat McGeever

**Special Music**                      *"Precious Lord"*                      Jonathan Sills

**Scripture**                      First Corinthians 13                      *Read by Sydney Sharp*

**Reflections**                      Lisa Chapman  
John Chapman  
Eileen Gilkenson

**Meditation**                      Pastor Bob Coombe

**Hymn**                      *Standing with body and spirit*  
UMH 122 *"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"*

## Commendation

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer *(In unison)*

**Our Mother-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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Scripture**                      Amos 5:21-24                      *Read by Peter Don Konics*

**Hymn** UMH 308                      *"Thine Be the Glory"*                      *Standing with body and spirit*

## Dismissal with Blessing

## Postlude

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### Participants

Jodi Acker Bohr *Organist*

### Officiants

Rev. Robert G. Coombe *Pastor*

Gabe Lopez *Assoc. Pastor*