



HE IS RISEN!  
*Alleluia!*  
HAPPY EASTER

## Resurrection Sunday

April 4, 2021

10:30am

Prelude to Gathering

*Rigaudon*  
String Quartet

Campra/Cleo Aufderhaar

### GATHERING

Scripture — 1 Corinthians 15, selections

Prelude to Celebration

*The Rejoicing*

Handel/Cleo Aufderhaar

Call to Worship

Jesus our Christ was raised today. This is our triumphant holy day!

**He who once upon the cross  
suffered to redeem every loss. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, unto our Christ, our heavenly King!

**He endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Sing we to our great God above, praise eternal, as is God's love.

**Praise our God, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn #232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
But the pains which he en - dured,  
Sing we to our God a - bove,  
5 our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
9 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.  
who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave,  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise our God, ye haven - ly host,  
13 suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save.  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Opening Prayer

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**CONFESSING**

Prayers of Confession

**O God our Father,  
you gave your only Son,  
and therefore your very Self,  
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,  
and by his glorious and surprising resurrection  
you delivered us from the power of death.**

**Grant us the grace to die daily to all sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his resurrection,  
and grant us the grace to bless others  
with your glorious and surprising love.**

**Through Jesus our Christ and our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever,  
hear our prayers ...**

## REJOICING

Assurance of Hope

1996 Presbyterian Study Catechism

Question 46. What do we affirm when we say that "on the third day he rose again from the dead"?

**That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.**

Question 47. What do we affirm when we say that "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"?

**First, that Christ has gone to be with the Father, hidden except to the eyes of faith. Second, however, that Christ is not cut off from us in the remote past, or in some place from which he cannot reach us, but is present to us here and now by grace. He reigns with divine authority, protecting us, guiding us, and interceding for us until he returns in glory.**

Response to Forgiveness #243

*Be Not Afraid*

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

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Remembering our Baptisms and Giving Thanks for God's Blessings

Instrumental Interlude

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Elvey/K. Abeling

Passing the Peace

Hymn #245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day!" Al-le-lu-ia!  
Love's re-deem-ing work is done,  
Lives a-gain our glo-rious King,  
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

5  
All cre-a-tion, join to say: Al-le-lu-ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won,  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Praise to you by both be given,

9  
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Death in vain for-bids him rise,  
Je-sus died, our souls to save,  
Ev-ery knee to you shall bow,

13  
Sing, O heavens, and earth re-ply, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.  
Where your vic-to-ry, O grave?  
Ris-en Christ, tri-um-phant now.

## LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Sermon

Body Missing, Purpose Found

Rev. Ralph Hawkins

## SENDING

\*Hymn #248

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*



Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

\*Blessings and Benediction

\*Response

Northumbria Community

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.**

Postlude

*Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel/Robert Frost



***Special Thanks to our String Quartet***

Patricia McCall, violin

Kyla Gwyn, violin

Jaris Tobler, viola

Spencer Brewer, cello

## *Easter Lily Arrangements*

The following members and friends of Northminster contributed to the beautiful potted lilies that enrich our Easter Service today and will be used to brighten the days of those unable to attend in person.

**Sam (III), Kari, Ella Cole, and Sam (IV) Alderman** in loving memory of Sam Alderman, Jr. and Jim Rutenber and in honor of Betty Alderman and Connie Rutenber  
**Betty Barlow** in loving memory of her husband, Morgan Barlow  
**Virginia Cowsert** in loving memory of William Cowsert  
**Lynn Davis** in loving memory of her parents, Cary & Susanna Hays  
**Bonnie Diboll** in loving memory of her husband, Al Diboll  
**Shelby Duffy** in loving memory of her parents Harold and Margaret Cook  
**Boyd & Mary Wain Ellison** in loving memory of Mary Wain's brothers, Charles and Robert Ingram  
**Paul Evans** in loving memory of his wife, Joan M. Evans  
**Brent Gunn** in loving memory of her husband, Rusty Gunn  
**Roland & Judy Hill** in loving memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren  
**Jan Hirsh** in loving memory of her mother, Lavenia Kimbell, her husband, Alvin Hirsh, NPC member Riley Brown, and in honor of member Ann Dunwody  
**Doug & Carol Holt** in loving memory of their parents and sister  
**Martha Hopkins** in loving memory of her husband, Mike Hopkins, Sr.  
**Annette Hutto** in loving memory of her parents, Callie & Bill Drinnon, and her husband, Horace Hutto  
**Tom Jones** in beloved celebration of his wife, Karen Jones  
**Amy Maley** in loving memory of her parents, Bill & Nancy Heil  
**Ken & Fran Mayhew** in honor of the Northminster Session and Northminster Staff  
**Tim & Kathy McCord** in honor of their seven grandchildren  
**Melissa McDougald** in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Worth McDougald and Daniel Danielson  
**Sam & Jinny McDuffie** in loving memory of Jinny's parents, Beth & Buck Blanks, and Sam's parents, Stella and "Mac" McDuffie  
**Nita Mitchell** in loving memory of Stephen McKinley  
**Sarah Morrow** in loving memory of her husband, Don Morrow  
**Charlotte Nolan** in loving memory of her husband, Jim Nolan  
**Bernadette Preyna** in loving memory of her husband, Francis A. Preyna  
**Sandra Ridgeway** in loving memory of her mother, Louise Andrews  
**Larry & Kathy Smallwood** in loving memory of their parents, Grady & Nellie Dover and C.A. & Eleanor Smallwood  
**Ricky & Suzann Smith** in memory of Loved Ones  
**Sandy Smith** in loving memory of Martha Blalock Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, and Jeanie Zeigler Smith and in honor of Northminster musicians: Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, and String Quartet  
**Rex & Nita Tidwell** in loving memory of Roy & Jean Tidwell and Max & Ella Lee  
**Minor & Natalie Vernon** in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Boone Vernon and Mrs. Natalie Honan  
**Amy Vogt** in loving memory of Bob Vogt  
**Gail & Kenny Walker** in loving memory of their parents  
**Joan Walker** in loving memory of her husband, Cliff Walker  
**Andy & Ann Weaver** in honor of the Shuford Family  
**Emory & Genny Whitaker** in loving memory of Mary Ann Ellis  
**Ron & Barbara Wolfe** in loving memory of Mary Ann Ellis  
**Catherine Wooddy** in loving memory of R. Lynn Wooddy and James & Grace Cummings



## Information & Announcements

### Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at [admin@northminstermacon.org](mailto:admin@northminstermacon.org).

### Pastoral Care

Pastor Ralph welcomes and encourages opportunities to share in fellowship, pastoral conversation, and spiritual discernment. He keeps office hours most mornings at the church, but is always available by appointment. You are always welcome to call or text at 478-250-3355 or to reach out by email: [pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

### Lectionary Readings

Mar 28, Palm Sunday – Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 4:1-15

April 4, Resurrection Sunday – Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

### PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Suzann Smith; Jack Gleaton; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Kirk Knox;

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine

### Special Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities. You may donate online, by mail, or in person. Special offering envelopes are provided in today's bulletin.

### Easter Lily deliveries to homebound

If your name is listed as having purchased one or more Easter lilies, and you have not yet been contacted about delivering your lily to a homebound member or friend, please feel free to collect your lily after today's service and take it to a friend for family member who is unable to attend church in person.

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News

SESSION of Ruling Elders: Kari Alderman; Emily Brown; Lynn Denny; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Beau Kitchens; Melissa McDougald;

Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway; Minor Vernon

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate

SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session

BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

**Office hours this week:** Tuesday - Friday 8:00-1:00

It is immensely significant that those first Christians never preached the resurrection simply as Jesus' escape from the grave, the reanimation of One who had died, the return of the Master to His friends. They always proclaimed it as the living God in omnipotent action. This is the conviction that makes the New Testament the most exciting and the most relevant book in the world. The power that was strong enough to get Jesus out of the grave, and thus to set going the whole Christian movement across the centuries, mighty enough to shatter and confound the hideous demonic alliance of evil, creative enough to smite death with resurrection — this power is in action still. Preaching the Resurrection means telling others that the identical divine energy which at the first took Christ out of the grave is available still — available not only at journey's end to save them in the hour of death, but available here and now to cause them to live.

James S. Stewart — Scottish preacher and New Testament scholar



*“Go and spread the Gospel. Hide it in colorful, little eggs for the world to find and be delighted by.”*

## Monday Morning



Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. “They took the Master from the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to

cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home. But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus’ body had been laid. They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?”

“They took my Master,” she said, “and I don’t know where they put him.” After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t recognize him. Jesus spoke to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?” She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, “Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him.” Jesus said, “Mary.”

John 18, The Message

James Bond: "Everyone needs a hobby."

Raoul Silva: "So what's yours?"

James Bond: "Resurrection."

*Skyfall, 2012*

The celebration of the Resurrection, like the start of the new year, can be the catalyst for really good intentions. We can have every good intention of taking the Easter gospel to heart this year, of living like those for whom Christ died. We can commit ourselves to becoming the ardent messengers of Grace we've always wanted to be, passionate disciples of a living Lord, living a demonstrably more generous, more compassionate, and more joyful life. But then comes the week after Easter and the flood of email, the text messages and tweets, our projects and procrastinations, all comes cashing back in, and we discover once again the emotional slide downhill from the holy euphoria of Easter to the humdrum of the following Wednesday, landing in the mundane ritual of late Spring-Mother's Day-graduations-Summer activities-(gotta get a vacation in somewhere)-Fall-ramp-up, blah, blah, blah.

But Christ, risen and living among us, calls each one of us to so much more. The Head of the Church, now without the crown of thorns, calls his Body to be the Church; to build a redeemed community within our community; to reach out with confident love and embrace a confused world; to be the healing touch wounded people need and the patient friends lonely people are searching for. To the extent that the Easter gospel resides and remains in our hearts as well as in our heads, we are compelled to live a life that is far different, far riskier, far more exciting, and far more rewarding than just another cycle of just another year.

"It's Sunday, but Wednesday's Coming" by Rev. Paul Detterman

Socrates mastered the art of dying; Christ overcame death as "the last enemy" (1 Cor. 15:26). There is a real difference between the two things; the one is within the scope of human possibilities, the other means resurrection. It is not from *ars moriendi*, the art of dying, but from the resurrection of Christ that a new and purifying wind can blow through our present world. If a few people really believed that and acted on it in their daily lives, a great deal would be changed. To live in the light of the Resurrection — that is what Easter means.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from *Letters and Papers from Prison*

On Easter morning all over America  
the peasants are frying potatoes in bacon grease.

We're not supposed to have "peasants"  
but there are tens of millions of them  
frying potatoes on Easter morning,  
cheap and delicious with catsup.

If Jesus were here this morning he might  
be eating fried potatoes with my friend  
who has a '51 Dodge and a '72 Pontiac.

When his kids ask why they don't have  
a new car he says, "these cars were new once  
and now they are experienced."

He can fix anything and when rich folks  
call to get a toilet repaired he pauses  
extra hours so that they can further  
learn what we're made of.

I told him that in Mexico the poor say  
that when there's lightning the rich  
think that God is taking their picture.  
He laughed.

Like peasants everywhere in the history  
of the world ours can't figure out why  
they're getting poorer. Their sons join  
the army to get work being shot at.

Your ideals are invisible clouds  
so try not to suffocate the poor,  
the peasants, with your sympathies.  
They know that you're staring at them.

"Easter Morning" by Jim Harrison, from *Saving Daylight*

Anyone can be sentimental about the nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don't believe in the resurrection, you're not a believer.

John Irving, from *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

**February 17-April 4, 2020**

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**WAYS TO GIVE —**

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at [presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs](https://presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs)
- + Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

**IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!**

-  Text SHARING to 56512 to learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, or visit [pcusa.org/oghs](https://pcusa.org/oghs).



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in

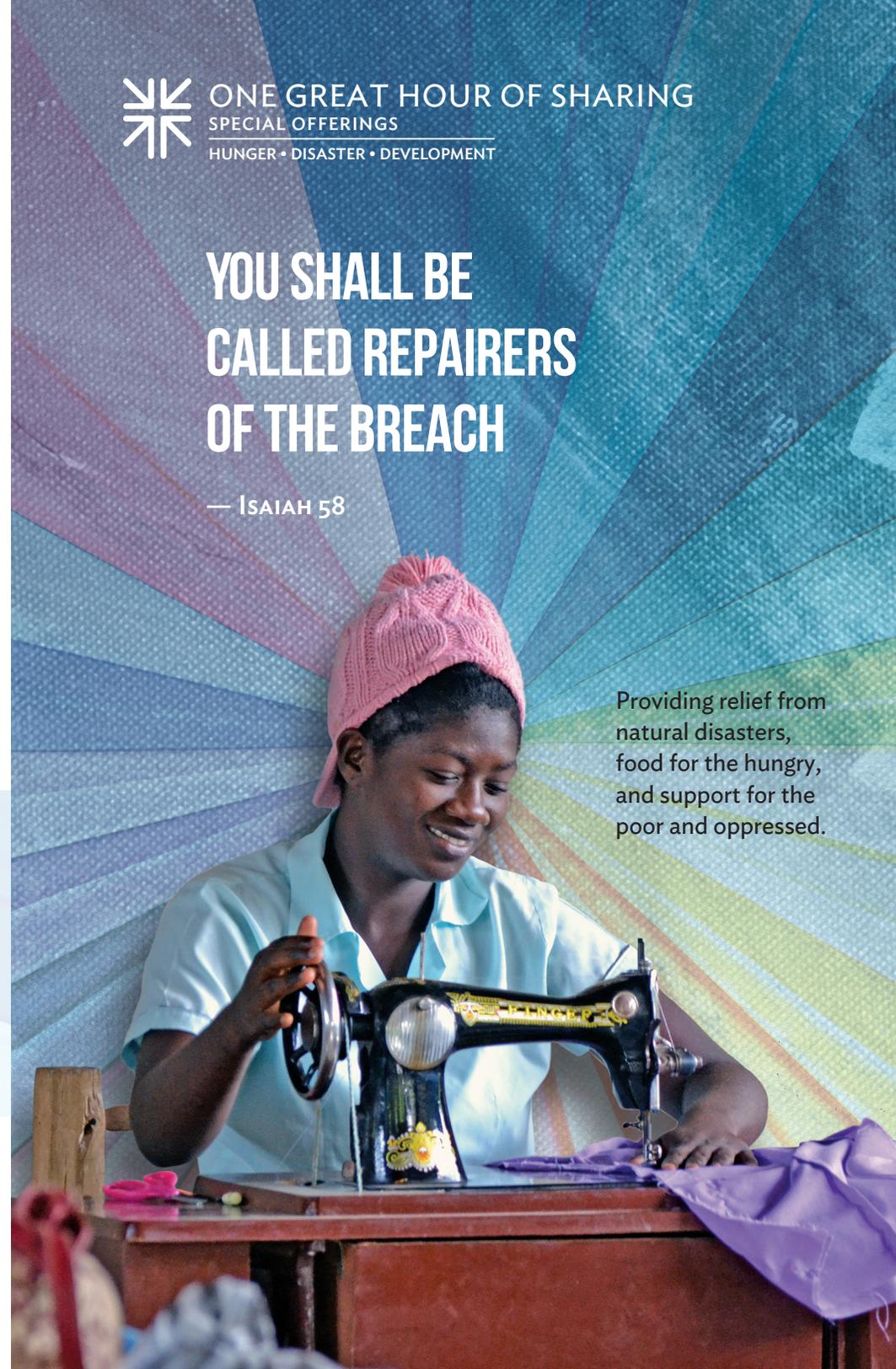
the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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# YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

— ISAIAH 58

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



OGHS gifts are helping Black Women's Blueprint, a survivor-led ministry, in addressing issues of trauma. Client-members support one another in working to end gender-based violence, and to heal the places where its impact is seen. This ministry also provides food and housing assistance, and addresses the critical and unmet needs for women and survivors of violence.

Thirteen-year-old Trinity White Plume lives on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota where there is only one grocery store. Thanks to gifts from OGHS and partner organization Owe Aku, new garden projects put people in charge of their own food supply, nutrition, health and well-being. Trinity has learned to plant and tend the gardens, which include medicinal and ceremonial plants, and helps teach others to increase food security in their community.



## BECAUSE WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.

As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need — with those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters; with those lacking access to food, water and healthcare; and with those struggling for justice, righteousness, and peace. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Restorers of Streets to Live In*



### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

*Share your Bread with the Hungry*



### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

*Loose the Bonds of Injustice*



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