

**Welcome to worship. In this season of Lent, we listen for good news.
As children of God, we are called to protect, care for, and help the vulnerable thrive.**

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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Nursery:

Audio: Chas Shimer
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Fellowship:

NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
March 15, 2026

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

10:00 AM

MARCH 15, 2026



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to focus on God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*
Faithful Ringers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,
standing strong over all of us.**

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

All: Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

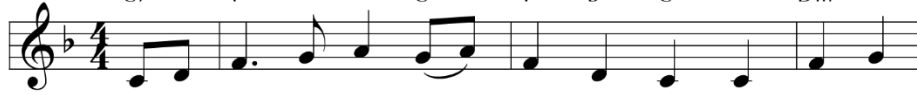
*HYMN

(vv. 1-3)

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



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 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

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 F C F Dm7 Gm C



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 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

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 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F



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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Family of Faith, every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week, we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week, we need to be reminded that we, too, can grow and change. So join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation. Friends, let us pray:

(Includes scripture verses from Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Matthew 19:14, and Isaiah 43:1.)

All: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them." Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace. God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow." We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them." We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways. Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. May this good news change our lives!

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: One Great Hour of Sharing

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 24:17-22

¹⁷ “You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. ¹⁸ Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

¹⁹ “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰ When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

²¹ “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²² Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 19:13-15

¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

MESSAGE

“The Good News is Protection and Care for the Vulnerable”

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Our Loving Father"*
Faithful Ringers

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #301 *"Let Us Build A House"*
(vv. 4 & 5) *(All Are Welcome)*
Sheet music on next page.)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*
Faithful Ringers

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



Prelude arr. Jaques Kearns, OneLicense.net
Hymn #301 Glory to God Hymnal, OneLicense.net
Hymn #300 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI
Offertory arr. Jaques Kearns, OneLicense.net
Postlude arr. Bill Ingram, OneLicense.net

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Faith Life

March 15, 2026

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!



Ripple Meal—Today

Our next Ripple Meal is happening today. The meal is held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 1421 W. Turner Street in Allentown. They have a nice, large parking lot, which is conveniently located behind the church. We meet at St. Stephen's at 2:30 pm. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with serving the meals and or making a batch of homemade treats. If you can help, please speak to Pam Martin.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Dedication Palm Sunday
March 29

Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey

Join us after worship during Lent to explore different spiritual practices



- ◆ February 22: Lectio/Visio Divina
- ◆ March 1: Praying with Color
- ◆ March 8: Labyrinths
- ◆ March 15: Examen
- ◆ March 22: Rule of Life

Palm Sunday Activity – Join the Fun!

Plans have shifted a bit this year, but the fun continues! Instead of the originally planned scavenger hunt, we invite you to stay for Sunday Morning Together on Palm Sunday and help us prepare for Easter in a creative way.

We'll be decorating placemats for our Easter Breakfast, adding color and festive spirit to the celebration. All ages are welcome—come enjoy a relaxed time of creativity and community as we get ready for Easter together!



Easter Flowers

Order forms are available
in the pews.

Please complete and
submit your order **today.**

Order Deadline:
TODAY!

Please note:
Mail-in orders are no longer
being accepted.

Orders must be submitted
in person today.



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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Fridays



March 22 - "The Good News is Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness"
23:23, John 8:2-11

March 29- "The Good News is Inspiring Us to Act"
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11



TODAY—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music

Mar. 15—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 29—Decorating Placemats for Easter, Fellowship

Apr. 5—Easter Breakfast



Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meets on the second Thursday of the month, and all are welcome!

We will not meet this month, but will gather again on **April 9**.

If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call. Thank you!



the Gospel of John

Word on Wednesday
Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!

WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.



Teachers' Closet

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items many would otherwise buy with their own money.

Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

Open monthly:

- 1st Saturday, 10–11:30 a.m.
- 3rd Wednesday, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.
- Support the closet through our Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l>



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2026 Montreat Youth Conference

July 26-August 1, 2026

Registration Deadline: March 22, 2026

High school youth (rising 9th graders through graduated seniors) in Mountain Laurel Presbytery are invited to the Montreat Youth Conference, July 26–August 1, 2026.

Rev. Taylor Hall of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown will lead the trip. Questions: taylor.hall@fpcallentown.org

Cost: \$500 per participant, with presbytery support. Congregations and youth are encouraged to share the cost.

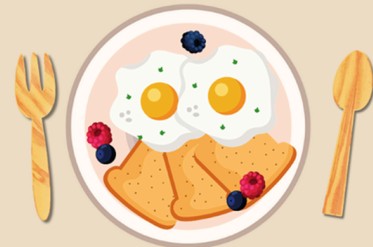
Full payment will be requested in April.

Registration deadline: March 22, 2026

Register: <https://fpcallentown.org/montreat2026>

Easter Breakfast

Proceeds benefit Work Camp



Serving begins at 8:30 on Easter morning.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

\$10 for adults - \$5 for kids under 12.

Extra hands are always welcome!
Help will be needed on Sat. March 30 and Easter morning.
Anyone willing to help with preparation, serving, and clean-up should reach out to John Gill.



Save the Date!

She Nailed It - May 4

The SHE NAILED IT event on **Monday, May 4**, is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of the LV, focusing on housing inequity for women. This event is held at Dimmick Park in Hellertown from 2-5 pm. Teams of 4 women compete in a speed nail hammering contest.

Faith Presbyterian Church-AKA Built on Faith- team is Anne Zayaitz, Mary Horst, Heather Davis, Sally Heimbach, and Lynn Ingram as an alternate.

Just in case, seeing us four fine women hammering nails into a board, hopefully with great speed and no unfortunate mishaps, is not enough of an enticement, there will be food trucks, 50-50, and other raffles available.

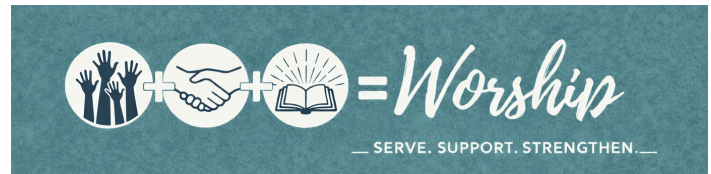
All teams are also asked to have a TAILGATE Vehicle with a theme. If you are interested in helping with this please contact our TAILGATE POSSE, Zona Farmer, Carolyn Baittinger, and Ginnie Tietjens.

We also really need cheerleaders. Since this is a fundraiser, each team is tasked to raise a minimum of \$2,000 by April 17.

You may donate through the church or send a check directly to Habitat for Humanity (245 N. Graham Street, Allentown, PA, 18109) **Attention Sarah Elmer**, and write in the memo BUILT on FAITH or donate online directly to our account (use the QR code).



MARCH is
“Get To Know Your Deacon”
— month —
Have you called your Deacon yet?



Serve. Support. Strengthen Worship.

Our worship depends on our faithful volunteers — and **right now, we need more hands to serve.** In a small congregation, every person truly matters. Easy instructions are provided in advance so you will feel prepared and supported.

Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of our volunteer roles:

- **Worship Assistant** – Help lead portions of worship alongside the pastor. Script and instructions provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Audio Tech** – Run the sound during worship. We have four trained volunteers, but need one more. Training will be provided by Sally Heimbach.
- **Video Tech** – Advance worship slides during the service. Two people currently serve; we urgently need two additional volunteers. Andy Ingram will provide the necessary training.
- **Fellowship Hosts** – Offer simple hospitality following worship. Guidelines are provided. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach.
- **Ushers/Greeters** – Welcome worshipers and help the morning flow smoothly. Sign up in the narthex or speak with Anne Laubach.
- **Nursery Volunteers** – Care for our youngest during worship. No clearances yet? We’ll guide you through the process. Sign up on the whiteboard or reach out to Sally Heimbach.

Your presence strengthens our worship. Your service blesses our church family.

If you’ve been waiting for the right moment to step forward, this is it.

Please take a moment to check the whiteboards in the narthex and also the usher sign-up sheet on the table there. The dates where volunteers are still needed are easy to spot.

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church [website](#).



Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, March 15

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey
Deacons' Meeting (BR)
2:30 pm: Ripple Meal
5:00 pm: Youth Group (5)

Monday, March 16

7:00 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, March 17

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
3:00 pm: Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
Noon: Word on Wednesdays (P)
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, March 19

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, March 20- Office Closed

Saturday, March 21

9:00 am: Zumba (FH)
10:00 am: Quilters (FH)

nextweek

Sunday, March 22

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Journey
5:00 pm: Youth Group Pizza

Monday, March 23

7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
Noon: Word on Wednesdays (P)
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, March 26

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, March 27- Office Closed

Saturday, March 28

9:00 am: Zumba (FH)

Daybreak—April 13
Flyer deadline—May 17
2026 Per Capita—\$50.00



Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter
 Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____

- Mar. 29..... Palm Sunday
- Mar. 29..... One Great Hour of Sharing
- Apr. 2..... Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 3..... Good Friday @ The Barn
- Apr. 5..... Easter
- Apr. 19..... Clean-Up Day
- May 4..... She Nailed It!
- May 30..... Yard Sale
- June 20-28..... Work Camp
- July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference
- July 27-30..... Vacation Bible School



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

February 18–April 5, 2026

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

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

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give
- + Scan this QR code



-or-

You can help sustain these important ministries that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent to 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.

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To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of three annual Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These Special Offerings play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st 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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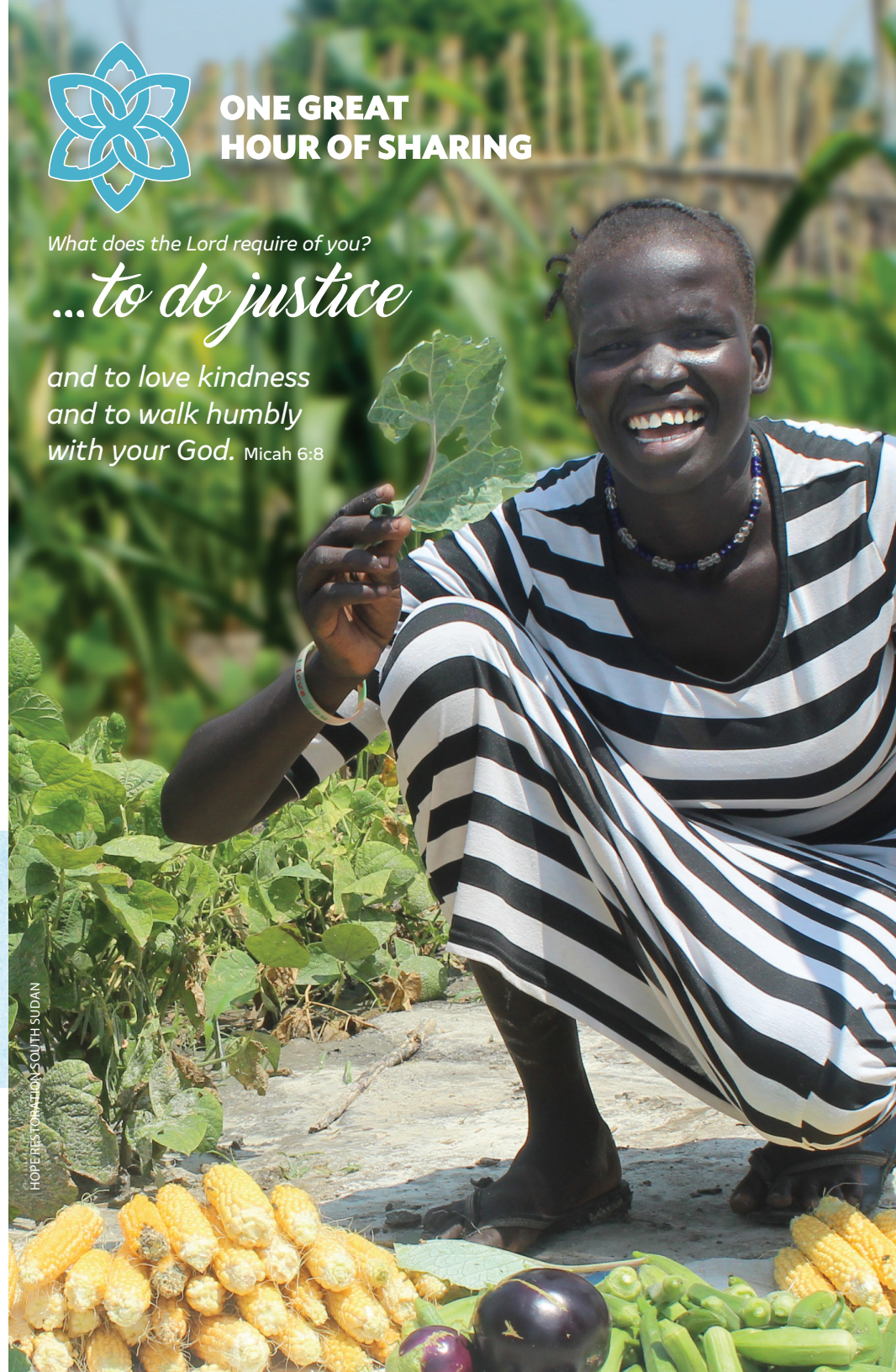


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

What does the Lord require of you?

...to do justice

*and to love kindness
and to walk humbly
with your God. Micah 6:8*



HOPE RES CO-OPERATION SOUTH SUDAN

When we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing...

We create possibility for people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.

We support recovery efforts when disasters devastate communities.

We empower partners to build sustainable futures.

We walk alongside our siblings to work for more just immigration laws and processes.

Our gifts show people they are not alone and that people they don't know see them and care enough to respond.



Following the prophet Micah's call to do justice

A group of young adults from First Presbyterian Church of Salem, New Jersey, volunteered at a disaster recovery host site at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina, after the devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene.

SMASH (Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing) is the first community land trust and affordable housing cooperative that uses a community land trust model, providing sustainable and preserved land that the community controls and builds power to make housing a human right.

Years of war and natural disasters have culminated in severe famine in South Sudan. An agricultural project with Hope Restoration South Sudan focuses on vegetable farming, giving women refugees vegetable kits comprised of assorted seeds like okra, onions, tomatoes, kudhura, sukuma and other types of vegetables, which they can grow and sell.



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