Welcome to worship, where we discover that God's grace is not measured by what seems fair, but by love freely given.

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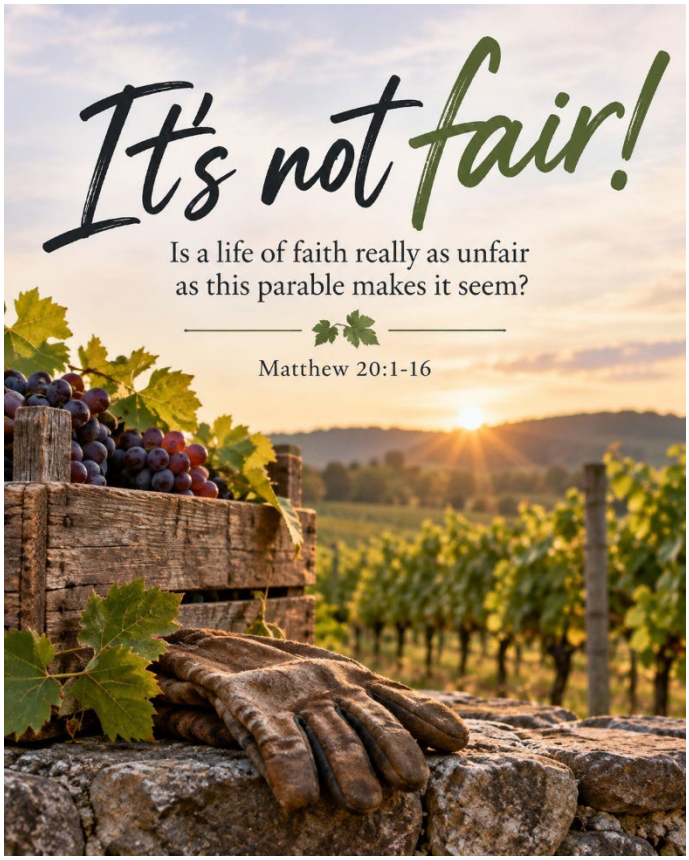
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Living and sharing the miracle of God's grace.

Order of Worship
September 20, 2026

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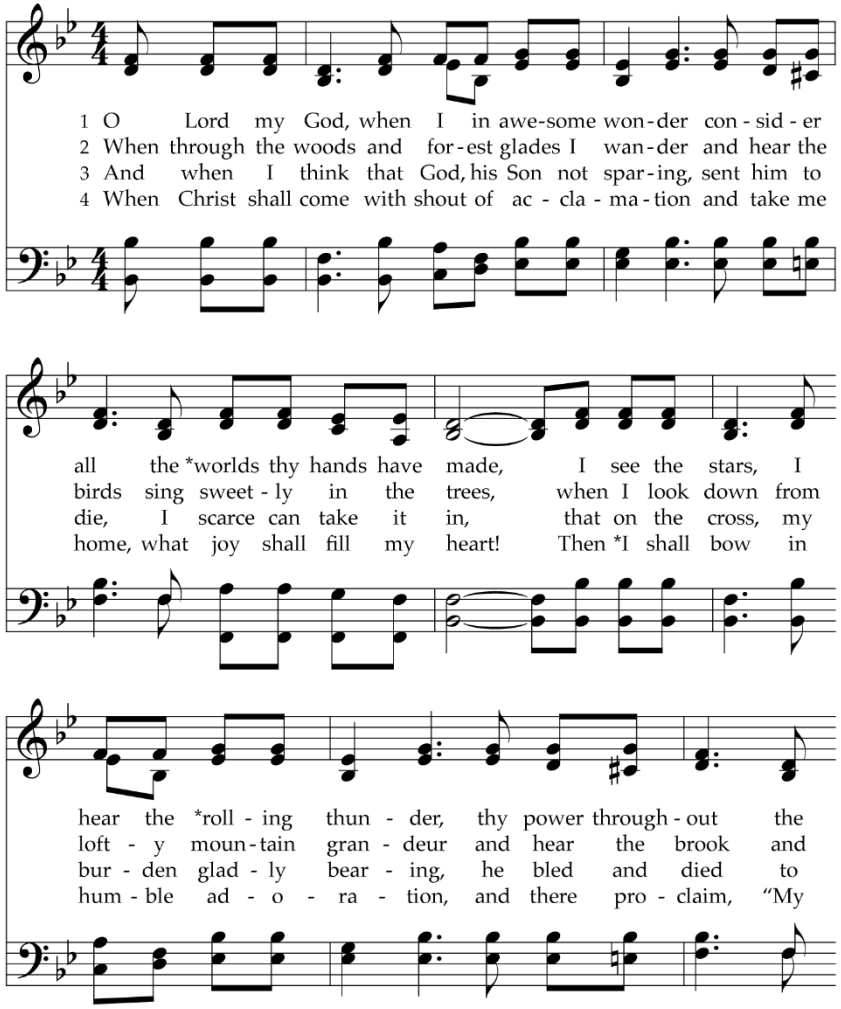
THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***SEPTEMBER 20, 2026***

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625 O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.
MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
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HOW GREAT THOU ART
11.10.11.10 with refrain



LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: God of grace, it has been said that comparison is the thief of joy; we also know it is the root of much wrongdoing in our world. When we consider what others have that we do not, we envy them for it. We want what we consider to be fair, even if that is not what is just. We find ourselves wanting more, even when we have enough. In our work, in our lives, and in our walk of faith, we have allowed such comparisons to cause us to sin, and we pray for your forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

One: Even within the church, when we compare ourselves to others, we find ourselves stepping into sin. If we look to those who have not been a part of the church as long as we have, we question why they are just as important to you as we are. When we consider the work being done in the church, we look with disdain on those who do not work as hard as others. We think of those who are more generous as more valuable, though you grant all your people the same grace and love. Forgive us for these foolish comparisons and for all the sins that we have committed against you. 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"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON — PSALM 145:1-8

1 I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
2 Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
5 They will recount the glorious[a] splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
6 They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON MATTHEW 20:1-16

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning
to hire laborers for his vineyard. **2** After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for
the day, he sent them into his vineyard. **3** When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw
others standing idle in the marketplace, **4** and he said to them, ‘You also go into the
vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. **5** When he went out again
about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. **6** And about five o’clock he went
out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing
here idle all day?’ **7** They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them,
‘You also go into the vineyard.’ **8** When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said
to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and
then going to the first.’ **9** When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them
received a denarius. **10** Now when the first came, they thought they would receive
more; but each of them also received a denarius. **11** And when they received it, they
grumbled against the landowner, **12** saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you
have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching
heat.’ **13** But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not
agree with me for a denarius? **14** Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to
this last the same as I give to you. **15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what
belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’[a] **16** So the last will be
first, and the first will be last.”[b]

MESSAGE *“Nine to Five”*

*HYMN

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!



Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

TEXT: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.
MUSIC: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784, alt.

LYONS
10.10.11.11

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 — *"Minuet in G Major"*

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 — *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✳HYMN #649 — *"Amazing Grace"*
(sheet music on next page.)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *"Gavotte"*

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

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649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



CHOCTAW

Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
hatak ilbusha pia ha
is pi yukpalashke.

CREEK

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
ah non ah cha pa kas
cha fee kee o funnan la kus
um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO

Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
yisdáshíítinigíí,
lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
shénáhoosdzin,
doo eesh'íį da ńt'éé.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads,* 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony,* 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.
AMAZING GRACE
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Faith Life

September 20, 2026

After the worship service, take a moment to relax! Join us for refreshments, snacks, and engaging conversation. This is a fantastic chance to reconnect with friends, forge new relationships, and enjoy fellowship within our community.

In the Pulpit Today

Please welcome **Rev. Scott DeCaro** to the pulpit this morning. As Pastor Becki continues her sabbatical, we are thankful for his presence among us and for the gifts and ministry he shares with our congregation today.

Rev. DeCaro serves as the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Mountain Laurel, having previously served as a pastor to several congregations. Pastor DeCaro received his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He lives in Easton, PA, is an avid reader, enjoys writing, and spending time with his wife, Kim, and his pets.



Hunger may not be something most of us face each day—but for millions of people, knowing where the next meal will come from is a very real concern.

We can help change that.

Have you signed up yet to walk in the CROP Walk?
The **Allentown Area CROP Hunger Walk is October 18**, and there's still time to join Faith's team! Walk the popular **Golden Mile** or take on the **10K route through Allentown**. Every step and every donation helps fight hunger in our own community and around the world.

And your steps go even further! Thanks to our Ministry of Support, Faith will contribute **$100 for every walker who participates, up to $1,000.**

Not able to walk? You can still make a difference by sponsoring a walker or donating online at https://bit.ly/4gw4vQv or by scanning this code.

Stop by the **CROP table in the narthex** to sign up, make a donation, or learn more.

Walk. Give. Help end hunger—one step at a time.

World Communion Sunday

Offering to be received on September 27

Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.

"What does the Lord require of you?"
"... to do justice, and to love kindness
and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

The World Communion Offering puts our faith into action, supporting ministries that promote justice, global witness, and relationships across cultures and faith traditions.

Once again, 25% of Faith's offering will benefit East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN), which provides short-term assistance to families in the East Penn School District.

Faith has supported this offering since 1983. In 2024, we gave $2,070, including $517.50 to EPNHN; in 2025, our gifts grew to $2,570, providing $642.50 locally.

As we prepare to give again, we remember that at the Lord's Table there are no strangers. Together, our gifts bring hope and help—close to home and around the world.

At Christ's table there is no East or West. Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are welcome.

One Table. One World. One Shared Calling.



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Teachers' Closet Supporting Educators

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. The teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

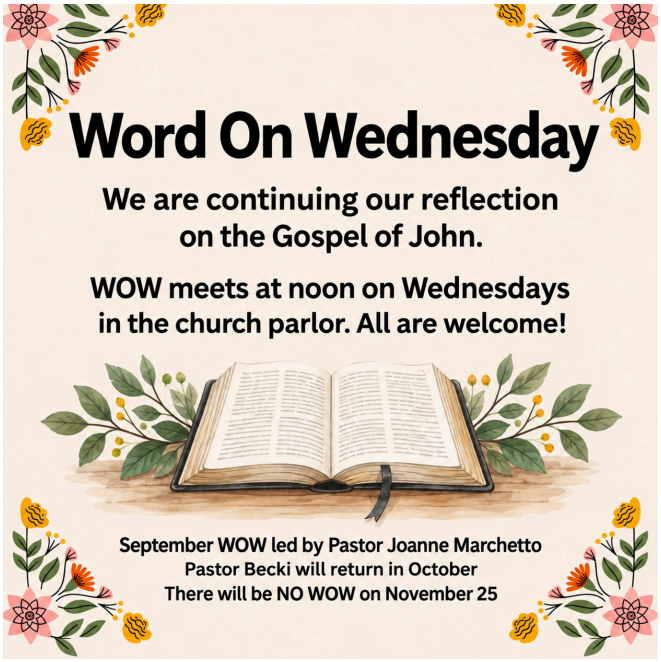
There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

Next Dates:

- **Saturday, Oct. 3: 10:00 to 11:30 am**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21 16: 3:30–5:00 p.m.**

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l.

Current needs:
Expo markers, clipboards, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, magnets, colored pencils, markers, crayons, regular adult scissors, 3-hole punch, single-hole punch, sensory items, loose-leaf paper, copy paper.







Schedule

Sunday Morning Together is a welcoming, intergenerational gathering following worship. Through fellowship, monthly potluck luncheons, and meaningful outreach activities, we build relationships, serve others, and grow together in faith. Everyone is invited to stay, participate, and enjoy the fellowship!

- 9/20: Rock painting, fun for all ages, Fellowship
- 9/27: Welcome Back cards for Pastor Becki, Fellowship
- 10/4: Joint Worship @ The BARN



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, September 20
9:30 am: Worship Service: Rev. Scott DeCaro

Monday, September 21
7:00 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, September 22
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, September 24
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 25: Office Closed

Saturday, September 26
9:00 am: Quilters (FH)

nextweek

Sunday, September 27: Music Sunday
9:30 am: Worship Service: World Communion Offering

Monday, September 28: Office Admin Vacation week
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, September 29
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Wednesday, September 30
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, October 1
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 2: Office Closed

Saturday, October 3
10:00 am: Teachers' Closet

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical until September 28.

Flyer deadline—November 16 @ 9 am
Daybreak—October 9
Ripple—November 15
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:_____

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Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)
Oct. 18..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Nov. 15..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 5..... Craft Fair
Dec. 13..... Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 25..... Christmas

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

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

WAYS TO GIVE —

- Through your congregation
- Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give/wco
- Text GIVEWCO to 41444 or scan this QR code

-or-

You can help sustain these important ministries that are supported by the World Communion Offering 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.

To learn more about how your gift to World Communion Offering makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/wco.

The World Communion Offering is one of three annual Special Offerings. The Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church, 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

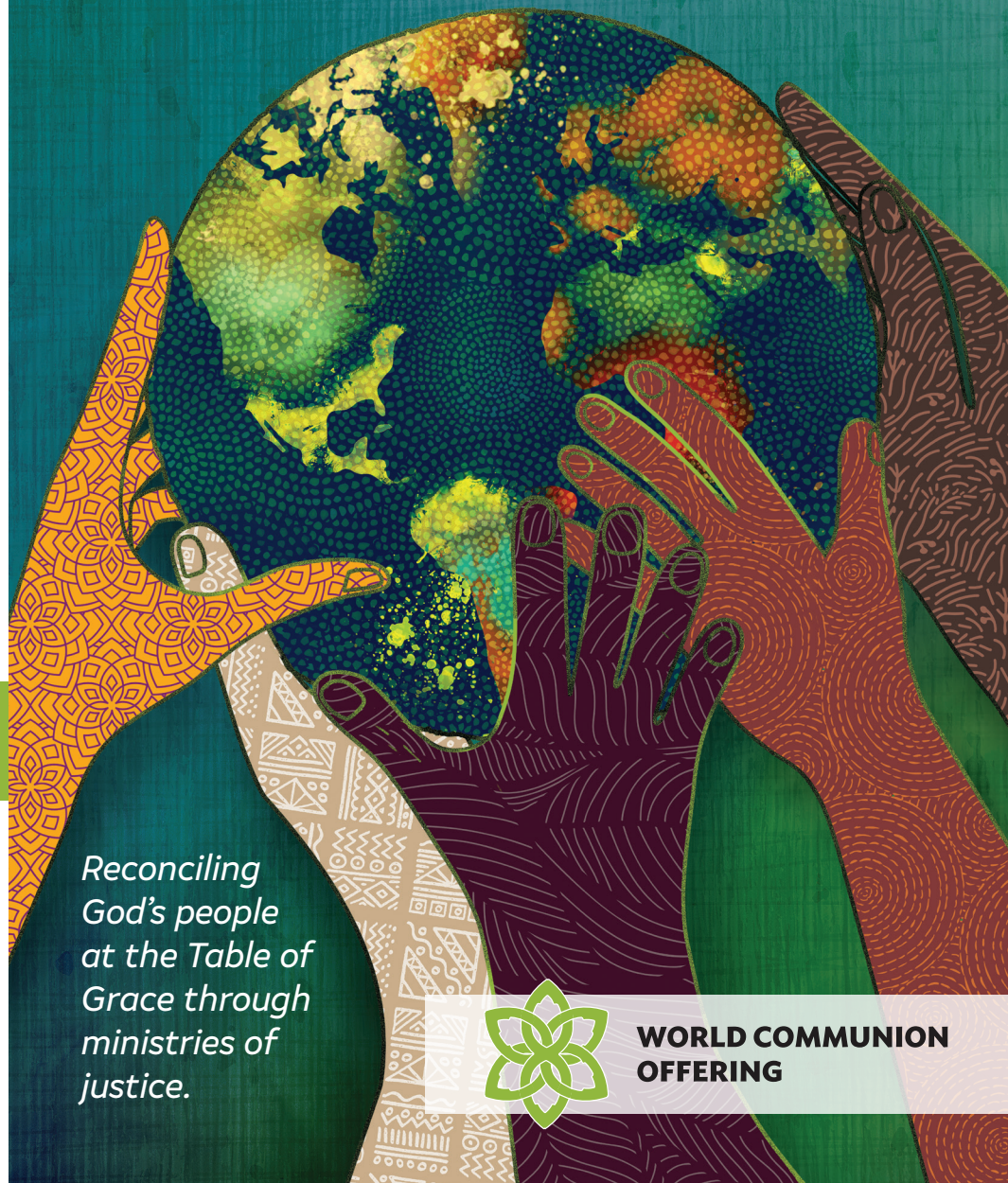
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Micah 6:8



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Joining Together...

As a Young Adult Volunteer with the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness, Philile Dlamini's social media series focused on Sudan has helped connect Presbyterians to a global crisis by linking faith, advocacy, and international solidarity through faithful storytelling that calls the church into awareness and action alongside global partners.



...Making a Difference

Supported by a grant from the PC(USA), the Gullah Farmers' Cooperative Association helps farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with limited resources to come together to secure markets for their products and to get paid fair prices, as well as provide the community with fresh, nutritional foods, including healthy meals for schoolchildren.



Our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets' call to love kindness.

The Al Amana Centre in Oman, a partner of the PC(USA), is one of the few Christian-led organizations in the region working toward reconciliation and sustainable peace through safe, immersive, interfaith experiences. The Centre's facilitated discussions bridge the gap between people of different beliefs and help participants gain deeper insights into themselves.

The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when people around the world join together around Christ's Table of grace.

The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this Offering.

Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are invited!



Please give generously.

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