



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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In Isaiah 58, the author is addressing a people who have returned to Jerusalem, where the Temple—God’s house—was in shambles. I imagine it was a heartbreaking scene. And in that rubble, the prophet challenges the people not to rebuild the building or to restore their religious rituals, but to care for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable—the prophet called the people to become the house of God. We are called to become, as Isaiah promised long ago, “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in”.

Together, we become the household of God.

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. Because of our support, the Church is able to deepen its commitment to serve. In the days ahead, staff of **Self-Development of People**, the **Presbyterian Hunger Program** and **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** will be working with presbyteries to identify and support essential congregational ministries, especially in anti-poverty work. The Church’s response to the present crisis will begin with the most at-risk communities across the country and around the world, as well as those facing spikes of racism in response to this disease.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those who have pain—be it physical, emotional, or spiritual—and we set a feast, with God, for those who lack access to enough food to eat.

During these uncertain times, we depend on our church, faith, family and God’s grace to see us through. **You may make your gift in several ways: (1) if you go to the “Give Online” page of www.lewinsville.org, you can indicate a gift to go towards One Great Hour of Sharing; (2) you may initiate an electronic funds transfer (EFT) or (3) you may send a check to the church office, made out to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, annotated, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** Many thanks for your generous giving and support that will provide lifesaving assistance to so many suffering here at home and throughout the world during this tragic time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Pastor Scott, Pastor Jen, or Joe Parisi, chair of Mission/Service.

Let us pray:

Draw all people together, gracious God, and make us your house. Let our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing create a home and a wholeness for people in need, especially those suffering from the impacts of the current crisis, so that the whole human family will know your love. Amen.