Your Gifts Make these Ministries Possible

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Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bit (a “gift”) in your fish coinbank or a jar, and end by saying the prayer of the week or one of your own.

For more locations and ministries, go to pcusa.org/oghs or scan this code.

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

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**People on the Move**

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For homes, for families, for friends, for food, we’re thankful. Lord, to us you’ve been good! On all who feel scared, sick, hungry, not loved, pour our your rich comfort and peace from above. Amen.

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**Lectionary:**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-17

John 3:3-17

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**The Power of Water**

**Prayer:**

Creator of the rivers and oceans, who washes us clean and refreshes us daily, help us to be like a cup of cold water to others in your name: refreshing, cleansing, and relieving.

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**Lectionary:**

Ecclesiastes 3:17-17

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 3:1-17

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**In the Shadow of the Valley of Death**

**Prayer:**

God, you promise to protect me and take care of me, so even if things get really bad, I can trust in you. Give faith to all who have doubts today, so they can know peace in you. Amen.

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**Lectionary:**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Romans 6:1-6

John 1:1-14

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**Lectionary:**

Ecclesiastes 3:17-17

Psalm 130

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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**Continuing the Journey**

**Prayer:**

God, you call us to grow, go out, and serve. Open our eyes, ears, and hearts, so our hands and feet can “repair the breach,” sharing clothes, feeding the hungry, and giving the homeless a home. Amen.

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