

HOW CAN WE RESPOND TO THE DEVASTATION OF HURRICANE HELENE?

GIVE: Send donations directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Online: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>

Check: Designated to Hurricane Helene Response and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 Phone: 800-872-3283

ACT: Right now, Emergency Cleanup Buckets and Hygiene Kits are especially needed. Everything you need to know about kit donations, as well as assembling and shipping kits is explained on the Church World Service (CWS) website: <https://cwskits.org> Completed kits can be taken to Church of the Brethren – Disaster Ministries Building, 1453 Westview School Rd, Weyers Cave, VA 24486. It is open Mon-Thurs, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Call to schedule delivery 540-234-8555. In lieu of assembling kits, monetary donations can also be sent to CWS via their website.

PRAY: One of our best responses is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

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Prayer for Wholeness

Hope is the thing with feathers

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chillest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

Emily Dickinson

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes,
who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.

May Your light be experienced in our utmost holiest.

Your Heavenly Domain approaches.

Let Your will come true -

in the universe just as on earth.

Give us wisdom for our daily need,
detach the fetters of faults that bind us,

like we let go the guilt of others.

Let us not be lost in superficial things,

but let us be freed from that which

keeps us from our true purpose.

From You comes the all-working will,

the lively strength to act,

the song that beautifies all

and renews itself from age to age.

Sealed in trust, faith and truth,

we confirm with our entire being.

Autumn Worship at SPC

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will focus various components of

The SPC Identity Statement:

We are an inclusive spiritual community

and welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging.

Our faith and practice are rooted in the Way of Jesus

and are enriched by wisdom from all sources.

We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion,

working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and in the world.

Upcoming Themes will be:

October 13: *On Faith and Practice*

October 20: *On The Way of Jesus*

October 27: *On Wisdom from All Sources*

November 3: *Being and Becoming*

The congregation is invited to contribute readings,

prayers, poetry, quotes, *et cetera* on these themes.

Please send your contributions

to Lynn Dampman at the church office.