

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

Sunday, March 9, 2014



Diverse Sisters in God's Household

On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 9, 2014, we celebrate women who are no longer strangers, who are sisters in God's diverse household. Your congregation or women's group can use this resource on Sunday, March 9, 2014, or on any other occasion.

Ephesians 2:19 reads, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God." We celebrate the experiences of diverse and intercultural women, as well as women who build communities of hope and love benefiting all in the church of Jesus Christ.

One of the greatest pleasures for many of us is going back home. We feel a sense of belonging, acceptance and love there. For those who live far from their homelands, visits to the country where they were born can be a source of joy. And for many of us, church is where we feel at home.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource, written by Carmen Rosario, includes the story of Maria, Luis and their two daughters, who



Mystical Night, Beth Watkins

immigrated from Mexico seven years ago and struggled to find acceptance until they were welcomed by a Presbyterian community in Houston. Being welcomed as family made all the difference for Maria and her family. Now Maria helps other women struggling with the same issues she faced as a newcomer.

This resource includes a worship service with a call to worship, prayer of confession, assurance of pardon, suggested hymns, litany of thanksgiving and scripture readings, charge and benediction, and program suggestions. It is available in the November/December 2013 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from www.pcusa.org/women, and free from Presbyterian Distribution Service (PDS)—800/524-2612; www.pcusa.org/store; item 27-501-14-001. Order the November/December magazine from PDS, item HZN13250; \$4 plus shipping. Bulletin covers are available from PDS (item 27-501-14-002; \$5.00 for a pack of 25, or as a free download from www.pcusa.org/women).