



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
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Our theme for One Great Hour of Sharing is “Repairing the breach.” Who knows what a breach is?
Give children time to respond and then acknowledge the answers, even the silly ones!

According to Google (which can be our best friend at times!) breach is either a noun or a verb, depending on how you use it. In our theme, it is a noun, so let’s hear what Google says ...

“An act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement, or code of conduct.” Like “a breach of confidence.” The other definition is “a gap in a wall, barrier, or defense, especially one made by an attacking army, ‘a breach in the mountain wall.””

So, do we know any more than we did a few minutes ago? We need a little more information before we can define the breach that is our theme. So, in the Hebrew Scriptures, we know that God often used people to remind the Hebrew people if they weren’t following the rules that God had given them to live faithful lives. Isaiah was one of those people we call a prophet. Some of our Advent Scriptures were from the book of Isaiah. In this part of Isaiah, the prophet reminds the people that there is more to fasting and worshiping than what they had been doing lately. Isaiah also reminds the people they are supposed to be caring for the orphans, the widows and the people who have come from other nations. After telling the people all the things they have been messing up on, the prophet says, “But if you start worshiping God like we have been instructed to, and if you start taking care of those who are on the margins, then you will be blessed, and

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.”

Part of the story that I haven’t shared is that the city is in ruins, so not only will the walls be restored, which protects everyone in the city, but by following the rules that God gave the Hebrew people back in the desert with Moses, they are repairing the covenant between God and themselves.

When we give to the One Great Hour of Sharing, we are repairing the breaches in our world. Sometimes it might be repairing the walls of a home that the flood waters rushed through like when Hurricane Helene hit in 2024; it might be providing funds to a congregation to plant a community garden, where anybody can pick

some vegetables for a meal; or it might be helping people get the necessary documents needed to live here in the United States from other countries. For over 75 years, the One Great Hour of Sharing has blessed so many people, and we are blessed to be repairers of the breach!

Let's pray:

Good and wonderful Creator, thank you for the words of Isaiah — words that still ring true today.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a repairer of the breaches that we see in our world, in our small way of filling up Fish Banks.

Our small gifts joined with other gifts can make a difference in so many lives.

May our offerings of worship be pleasing to you. Now bless each child present, the families they represent in all the days of their lives.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, and all God's children say ... **AMEN**.



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