

# The Grace of God Has No Boundaries

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## Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

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**In 2019, on Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we honor women who exhibit grace that knows no boundaries. Though Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 3, 2019, your congregation or women's groups may use this resource on any day that you choose.**

The idea that God is a boundary-crosser is not new. Nor is the thought that God's grace flows through the world unhampered by human borders. These ideas were part of Jewish thought long before Peter had the boundary-busting vision recorded in Acts 10. Ancient Israel worshipped the stranger-loving "God of Gods" (Deut. 10:17–18) who "remove(d) boundaries" (Is. 10:13) and exemplified "impartiality" (2 Chron. 19:7). Certainly, by the time Peter came along, the idea that God might choose to cross the kind of barriers human beings

tend to erect—the kind William James referred to as accidental fences we build against the stream of our connectedness<sup>1</sup>—was not new.

But transcending boundaries must have felt completely new to Peter. How do we know that? Because it feels that way to most every one of us when we see God's love transcending boundaries.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource, written by Jana Childers, includes a worship service with

- a gathering prayer, call to confession, prayer of confession, an assurance of pardon, suggested hymns and scripture readings,
- spiritual practices, and
- a litany for women who carry God's grace across boundaries.

The Celebrate the Gifts of Women resource is available in the November/December 2018 issue of *Horizons* magazine, as a free download from [www.pcusa.org/women](http://www.pcusa.org/women) and free from the PC(USA) store, 800/533-4371 or [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com); item 27501-19-001.

### Note

1. William James, *Writings*, 1902–1910 (New York: Library of America, 1987), 1264.

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