



# Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

*March 23, 2025*

*Third Week of Lent*



# The Service of the Lord's Day

## Order of Worship

*\*Please stand if you are able.  
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Binkley

### PRELUDE

“Forty Days and Forty Nights”  
by Tracey Craig McKibben

Valerie Adelung

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Binkley

We come into the presence of the One who sees beyond appearances.

**God knows our hearts, our thoughts, our hidden places.**

Jesus challenges us to let go of what is false—

**To move beyond performance into transformation.**

When we cling to what is comfortable, Christ calls us to something deeper.

**When we focus on what is seen, Christ invites us to examine the unseen.**

Let us worship the God who exposes what is empty—

**And leads us into what is real and true.**

### \*HYMN # 317

“In Christ There is no East or West”

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

At the table, Jesus saw more than what was polished and presentable—he saw the cracks, the wear, the brokenness, and he welcomed it. Come, bring what is fractured, what is failing, what is unfinished. God does not discard what is shattered—God redeems it.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we are too often content to sit at tables of privilege,  
content with systems that serve us,  
even as they exclude others.**

**We are slow to question, slow to change,  
and hesitant to overturn what is broken.**

**Forgive us when we cling to comfort rather than seeking justice.**

**Turn over the tables in our hearts, O God.**

**Gather the shattered pieces of our lives,  
and make something beautiful.**

**In the name of Jesus, the One who welcomes all, we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence is kept)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Hear this good news:

Jesus Christ turns over every barrier that separates us from God's love.

In him, what is shattered is gathered. What is broken is mended.

**We are forgiven. We are set free. So let us live as those who have been transformed!**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 447

“We Are Forgiven”

*We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Christ turns over fear and replaces it with peace.  
May the Peace of Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Binkley

**God, you speak in the breaking of bread, in the overturning of tables, in the quiet whispers of grace. Give us ears to hear what we need, not just what we want. May your Word shape us, change us, and turn us toward love. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:37-54

Judy Binkley

While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give as alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you.

“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves on which people unknowingly walk.”

One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us, too.” And he said, “Woe also to you experts in the law! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. For this reason the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you experts in the law! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees became hostile to him and began to interrogate him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Turning Over Tables: Expose

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

- What is Jesus exposing in the Pharisees' way of life?
- How does this passage challenge us to examine our own blind spots?
- Where is God calling us to move from performance to authentic transformation?

## \*HYMN # 515

“I Come With Joy”

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Judy Binkley

(From The Confession of 1967, 9.32-9.33)

**The reconciling work of Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation is the heart of the gospel in any age.**

**Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ.**

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.**

**We confess that Jesus Christ is God's forgiveness.**

**He exposes the evil in people as both judgment and mercy.**

**The awareness of sin is made possible by God's gracious self-revelation and has the effect of releasing people from the bondage of guilt and setting them free to live in faith and obedience.**

**The church, guided by the Holy Spirit,**

**is called to live out this reconciliation in the world,**

**bearing witness to Christ's truth and justice**

**by calling all people to repentance, forgiveness, and new life.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

God of truth and mercy, You see beyond what is polished and presentable. You know our hearts, our struggles, our unspoken prayers. In Your presence, we do not need to perform—we only need to be.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who carry heavy burdens—for those facing illness, those grieving losses too deep for words, those struggling to find hope in the midst of despair. Hold them in Your love. Strengthen them with Your peace.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We lift up those who live with uncertainty—those struggling to pay rent, those wondering how they will feed their families, those whose work is undervalued and underpaid. May justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world, O God—for communities devastated by war, for those suffering under systems of oppression, for those whose voices go unheard. May we not look away. May we be part of the work of justice and peace.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks, O God, for Your presence among us—for the moments of joy that surprise us, for the relationships that sustain us, for the beauty that surrounds us. Even in the midst of struggle, Your goodness endures.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Where there is suffering, call us to compassion. Where there is division, call us to reconciliation. Where there is silence in the face of injustice, call us to speak. Shape us in Your truth and love.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Christ, You turn over the tables of what is false and call us into what is real and true. Transform our hearts, that we may bear witness to Your justice, Your mercy, and Your abundant grace.

**God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

And now, as one body, we pray the words Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Judy Binkley

Our giving isn't about looking generous—it's about being generous. It's about opening our hearts, not just our wallets. God calls us to give, not to be seen, but because justice matters, mercy matters, love matters. So let's give—not out of obligation, but out of a desire to be part of God's transforming work in the world.

*During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.*

## OFFERTORY

“Tell it to Jesus” by Shelton Ridge Love

Valerie Adelung

\***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judy Binkley

**God of truth, what we bring today is more than money— it is a reflection of our hearts. Take these gifts, O God, and use them to expose injustice, to lift up the forgotten, to build a world where love reigns over image, and where justice matters more than show. May our giving shape us, refine us, and reveal in us a faith that is genuine and a love that is real. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 319

“Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

\*BENEDICTION

Samuel Gatua Muiruri

Go now, for God is still creating,  
turning what is broken into something new.

Go, for Christ is still redeeming,  
flipping the tables of injustice and making space for grace.

Go, for the Spirit is still moving,  
breathing life into us and stirring us to act.

And may the blessing of God, who made us,  
Christ, who calls us,  
and the Spirit, who sends us forth,  
be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”  
by Mary McDonald

Valerie Adelong

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## 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

## I Come with Joy

Capo 3: (D)

(G)

(A)

(D)

(Bm)

F

B $\flat$ 

C

F

Dm



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus)

(Am)

(G)

(F $\sharp$ m)

(D)

Csus

Cm

B $\flat$ 

Am

F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em)

(D/F $\sharp$ )

(G)

(A)

(Am7)

(D)

Gm

F/A

B $\flat$ 

C

Cm7

F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

# 319 Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

## Shout to the North

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing of the  
 (2 Rise up,) wom - en of the truth. Stand and  
 (3 Rise up,) church, with bro - ken wings; fill this

great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel  
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing  
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

weak; in your bro - ken - ness, com - plete.  
 power of our awe - some King of love.  
 high; by God's grace a - gain we'll fly.

### Chorus

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the

east and the west. Je - sus is Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and

earth. 2 Rise up, earth.  
 3 Rise up,

This praise and worship song comes from Delirious?, an English Christian rock and worship band. Although the style is new, the message is an enduring one: God will provide the strength we need to proclaim the good news of salvation to all parts of the world.

## Bridge

C#m A

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;

C#m A

we've been re - fined by the power of your name.

C#m A

We've fall - en deep - er in love with you.

A Bsus B to Chorus

You've burned this truth on our lips.

## Coda

E A B Repeat as desired E

earth. He is Lord of heav - en and earth.