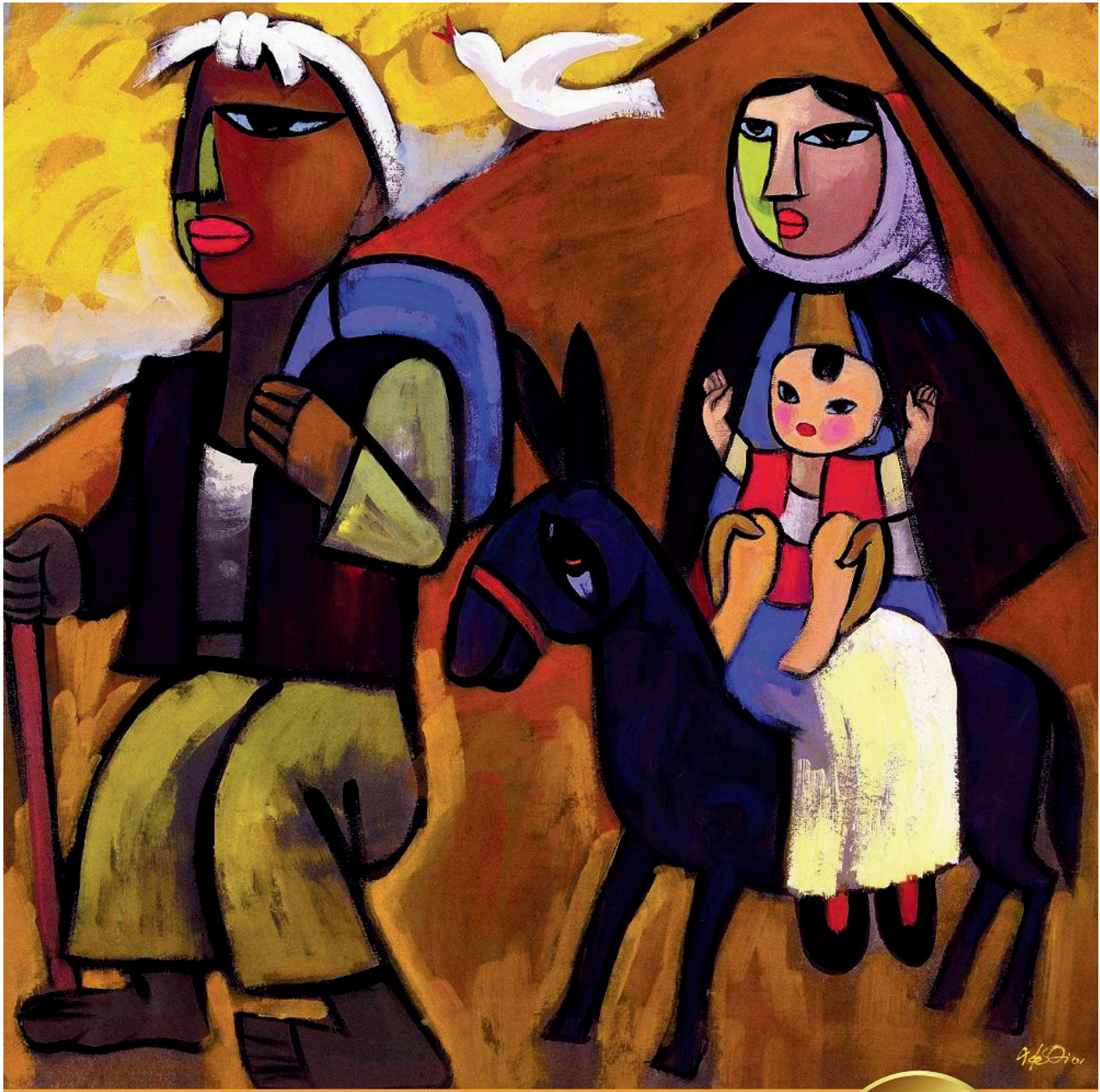




Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

April 27, 2025



Escape to Egypt, He Qi

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE

"I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" by Marianne Kim

Valerie Adelung

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Binkley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Donna Marshall

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

The risen Christ comes—still bearing wounds, still seeking welcome.

We meet him in strangers, travelers, and those without a home.

The One who fled as a child now invites us to offer refuge.

We are called to love as we have been loved, to welcome as we have been welcomed.

Let us worship the God of resurrection—

Who brings life from death, hope from despair, and home to the homeless.

*HYMN # 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Jesus once fled danger with his parents, seeking safety in foreign lands. And still today, children flee. Families run. Some are welcomed. Others are turned away. We confess that too often we turn away—from overwhelming pain, incomprehensible stories, and strangers who seem too different. But the God we worship knows what it is to be displaced. So let us come honestly, opening our hearts to God's mercy and to the strangers God has placed in our path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Judy Binkley

Friends, God hears our cries and welcomes us in.
In Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Judy Binkley

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

God of journeys and shelter, as we open your Word, open our hearts. Let us hear not just ancient stories, but living truth that stirs us to compassion. May your Spirit move through scripture, through silence, through stories, and through the cries of those still seeking refuge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13–15

Donna Marshall

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

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

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mighty to Save”

Valerie Adelung

by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 23:9

Donna Marshall

You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

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

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Judy Binkley

Today, instead of a traditional sermon, we reflect through story and image. This video from Church World Service reminds us that the Gospel is not only preached—it is lived. As you watch, ask yourself: *If Jesus was a refugee, what does that mean for how we treat refugees today?*

*HYMN # 351

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Judy Binkley

God of resurrection, You rolled away the stone, and love broke out into the world once again. Still, your children flee danger. Still, families seek safety. Still, people are waiting for a place to rest, to breathe, to begin again

Risen Lord, bring life where there is loss, and hope where there is fear.

We remember Jesus— refugee and teacher, friend of the hungry and shelter for the outcast. He rose not into comfort, but into the wounds of the world, showing us that resurrection meets us in real places.

Risen Lord, open our eyes to see you in those who are displaced and disregarded.

God of compassion, you hear the cries of all people. Watch over refugees and victims of war, those who have lost family members, families who have been left homeless, and children who have lost the joy of simply being kids. Console all who mourn. Strengthen all who wait. Turn the hearts of warring people toward peace.

Risen Lord, help us build a world where all may dwell in safety.

We pray for people living in fear of detention and deportation, for those navigating broken systems, for those in detention right now, facing an uncertain future. And we ask your blessing on those serving in refugee camps, distributing food, offering medical care, and defending human dignity.

God of mercy, give them strength, and give us courage to act.

We pray for our own community— for those who are grieving, healing, waiting, and hoping. May your resurrection power bring courage to the weary, joy to the heavy-hearted, and new beginnings to us all.

Risen Lord, breathe new life into us again.

Now, trusting in your mercy and in the name of the one who conquered death and walks beside us still, we join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

**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

Today, we offer not only money, but compassion made visible. As we build Church World Service hygiene kits, we send hope to those who are displaced—by war, by poverty, by disaster. These simple gifts—soap, towels, toothbrushes—will go places we cannot. Let our love go with them.

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

“They’ll Know We are Christians ”
by Mark Hayes

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #709

“God, We Honor You”

God, we honor you.

God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE KITS

Judy Binkley

Generous God, we offer these gifts—both the ones we give from our wallets and the ones we have made with our hands. Bless the hygiene kits we have assembled today: may each bar of soap bring dignity, each towel bring comfort, each toothbrush remind someone they are not forgotten. May these simple supplies carry your healing love to places we may never go and to people we may never meet. Bless those who receive them with safety, with strength, and with hope. Bless those who carry them, deliver them, and make sure they get where they’re needed. And bless us, O God, that we might keep finding ways to be your hands in this world. In the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ—who was once a refugee himself—we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Judy Binkley

Go now with eyes wide open to the strangers among you.
Open your doors, your hearts, your lives—
For the risen Christ still walks among us:
wounded, wandering, and waiting to be welcomed.
May the God who journeys with the displaced,
The Christ who rose with scars still showing,
And the Spirit who breathes life into what the world casts out—
Go before you to lead, behind you to push,
beside you to walk, and within you to stir resurrection hope.
Go in peace, go in power, go in love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” By Cindy Berry

Valerie Adelung

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