Reader: “That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.” – LUKE 6:48 NRSV

Leader: The Lord created this earth as a home for all living creatures, including the Lord’s beloved people.

People: May our gift of tools help build homes where families can show their love.

Leader: God told Noah to build the ark as a place of safety during the flood.

People: May our gift of tools build safe, sturdy homes for families affected by natural disaster.

Leader: Even in exile, God’s people built homes and planted gardens.

People: May our gift of tools be a help to refugees building new lives.

Leader: God’s beloved people built the Temple as a sign to the world of their devotion to God.

People: May our gift of tools build homes where families can devote themselves to caring for one another.

Leader: The Son of God, Jesus, was born and raised up by a carpenter.

People: May our gift of tools provide meaningful livelihoods to those who use them.

Leader: The child Jesus remained in the Temple three days, learning from the teachers there.

People: May our gift of tools give children a safe home in which to study and learn and grow.

Leader: We offer these gifts, these tools, in Jesus’ name. Amen.