

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
August 15, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Masks required for all regardless of vaccination status. Vaccinated worship leaders may remove masks while actively leading the congregation. If you brought your own food and drink, you can remove your mask when actively consuming.

The Prelude to Worship

“The Lord is the Strength of My Life”

Sheri Martin

We acknowledge that our church is on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgment is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. John Asher

Call to Worship

Paul Cascio

We come before You Lord,

You, the force that binds together all of creation.

When darkness rises, You entrust us with the power that will be its undoing.

**We come today to learn more of Your ways, to grow in our power
as bearers of goodness and mercy.**

Let us walk this journey together.

Our trust is in You: O Lord, lead the way.

Song

“God of Wonders”

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy, holy

The universe declares Your majesty

You are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

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**Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth . . .

Prayer of Confession

Paul Cascio

Lord, we come seeking the pathway to the good, to the light, and yet we know that we sometimes go astray. Forgive us when we allow our fears to push us into anger, because it feels more powerful than fear. Forgive us when we let that anger steep too long and it settles into hate. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to tread down that path to the dark side, giving way to suffering in this world, both for ourselves and others. Lord, take our failures and renew us. Give us strength to not just try, but do. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News: God pours out grace to us and for us. We are forgiven and renewed in God's light.

Praise the Lord, our greatest teacher as we seek to learn the ways that lead to life. Let us continue to be molded and transformed as disciples.

Song of Invocation

**"Sing A Song of Hope"
All things bright, and beautiful You are,
All things wise and wonderful You are
In my darkest night You brighten up the skies,
A song will rise.**

**I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.
Just to know that You are near is enough,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.**

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**All things new, I can start again,
Creator God, calling me Your friend.
Sing praise my soul, to the Maker of the skies,
A song will rise.**

**I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.
Just to know that You are near is enough,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.**

**I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.
Just to know You and be loved is enough,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down yeah.**

Hallelujah sing, Hallelujah sing.

**I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.
Just to know that You are near is enough,
God of heaven come down,
Heaven come down.**

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

For privacy, we do not show the video of the children on our live stream.

The audio is broadcast.

Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Gospel According to Star Wars"

Rev. John Asher

Song "Live Into Hope" Hymn # 322

Offering

We respond to God's love with our time, talent, and treasure.
See the announcements for opportunities to pass on the generosity we've received.

Hymn "Doxology" Hymn # 592

Special Music "The Blessing" *Craig Snider*

Benediction *Rev. John Asher*

Postlude *Sheri Martin*

Greet someone you don't know following worship this morning!

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