

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

June 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

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.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Liam Chynoweth

Welcome to a time of wonder,
and music that calls us home.

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge,
and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality.

Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others,
leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

Let us worship our welcoming God.

* Song

"Build My Life"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of "knowledge" that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when we you call us to welcome them into our communities.

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We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Forgive us for demanding uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. Teach us to see one another as sisters and brothers, that we may learn to live as one family. In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

Friends, hear the good news: God meets our arrogance with grace, our judgment with mercy, and our fear with perfect love. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to love as God loves.

Alleluia, amen.

Song “Freely, Freely” (see screen)

Children’s Blessing

People: **“The Lord be with you!”**

Kids: **“And also with you!”**

Sermon “Ted Lasso and the Power of Curiosity” *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Luke 19:1-10 NIV

Hymn #370 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” (see screen)

Praying for Fathers

Response: **In God’s love, we ask for your blessing.**

Prayers of the People

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Song “Goodness of God” (see screen)

Mission Trip Team Commissioning

Community Life

Rev. John Asher

* Song

“No Longer Slaves”

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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Call to Worship: Adapted from writing by Cynthia Langston Kirk. Posted on Piercing Stories.
<http://www.piercingstories.com/blog/2011/09/05/call-to-worship-and-prayer-radical-hospitality/>

Sharing Our Burden's Prayer: Written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas.

Prayer for Fathers: Adapted from the prayer by Laura Kelly Fanucci, as posted at
<https://motheringspirit.com/2015/06/a-litany-for-fathers-day/>

Mission Trip Commissioning Liturgy: Adapted from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, found at:
https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2025-01/pda_devotional_guide_-06-19-16.pdf



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