

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

*- Service for the Lord's Day -*

August 7, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

( \* ) Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Bold type 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.*

The Prelude to Worship

*Sheri Martin*

Welcome

*Rev. John Asher*

\* Call to Worship *(please stand)*

*Helen Carpenter*

Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases,

**Your mercies never come to an end;**

They are new every morning; so let us proclaim –

**Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. And greatly is Your name to be praised!**

\* Song

“It Is You”

**Holy, holy are You Lord**

**God Almighty**

**Who was, and is, and is to come**

**Worthy to receive all glory and power**

**It is You, oh Lord**

**Who's high and lifted up**

*(Continued . . .)*

**By the power of the blood You shed  
I've come to seek Your grace  
Jesus the Lamb of God  
Be exalted in this place**

**It is You that we will worship  
It is You we've come to praise  
It is You we've come to honor  
It's to You our hands we raise  
You're enthroned upon our praises  
So we've come to seek Your face  
And the reason why we gather in this place  
It is You**

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

**Merciful God, we confess that, just like Jesus' disciples, we too sometimes lose patience with people who need our help and support. Like the disciples, we find ourselves wishing that they would just go away and leave us in peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Remind us again of the deep love You showed toward us when we were still in need—a love so deep that it sent You willingly to the cross on our behalf. Show us how to love others as You have loved us. Teach us Your compassion, so that we may be Your hands and feet to those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn # 298

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Children's Message

*Rev. John Asher*

*As Sunday School is on hiatus for the summer, children are invited to return to their parents for the rest of the service.*

Scripture

**Various Selections  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"The Ironic Humor of Christ"**

*Rev. John Asher*

Hymn # 261

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Community Life

\* Song (*please stand*)

**"I Will Sing of the Mercies"**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever**

**I will sing I will sing**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord**

**With my mouth will I make known**

**Thy faithfulness Thy faithfulness**

**With my mouth will I make known**

**Thy faithfulness to all generations**

\* Benediction

Postlude

*Sheri Martin*

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

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*Call to Worship: Adapted from Lamentations 3. Accessed on the Pastor's Workshop:*

*<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/calls-to-worship-mercy/>*

*Letting Burden's Go: Provided by Re:Worship. Accessed at:*

*<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayer-of-confession-matthew-1521-28.html>*

*Assurance: Adapted from the writing of Rev. Julie Jensen, First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, GA*

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** We are on our summer schedule of: Tuesday-Thursday | 9am-2pm

**DOM CALATA FELLOWSHIP GATHERING** After the worship service on **Sunday, August 21**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall in gratitude to God for the life and service of Dom Calata, who passed away in the line of duty in March. Erin Calata plans to be in attendance as we tell stories, look back on shared memories, and take comfort in our assured hope in Christ. This unique time of healing is open to all ages and will include lunch. In partnership with local law enforcement chaplains, we will be assembling items of spiritual significance as a service project for Dom's colleagues and friends.

**ROOF CROSS REPAIR** You may have noticed that the cross on the roof of our building is missing! The Property and Grounds committee would like you to know they are refinishing the cross, and it will be back up in a few weeks.

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** We are taking donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items to deliver to the Puyallup Food Bank. Please drop off donations during normal office hours, or anytime you are at the church! Thank you.

**WAYS TO GIVE** On our website, go to: <https://www.sothpres.com/give/> to set up your account. On our church app, click on "Give". When you give through the website or app, 2% of your gift goes to the Presbyterian Foundation. There is also a tithing box available on Sunday morning. You can also send checks to: SOTH, PO Box 73426, Puyallup, WA 98373. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Ken Emly, Financial Secretary, at [sohtreasr@comcast.net](mailto:sohtreasr@comcast.net).

Go to: [www.sothpres.com/events](http://www.sothpres.com/events) for info about meetings and events coming up.

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Dutch melody

Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
 If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
 And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.



# God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us 261

O QUANTA QUALIA 11.11.11.11

Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

John J. Moment, 1933

As in La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

1. God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us;  
2. Wan - dering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,  
3. How shall we stray, with Thy hand to di - rect us,

Giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing,  
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy word of con - sol - ing;  
Thou who the stars in their cours - es art guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day do Thou send us,  
Wrap now Thy peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
What shall we fear, with Thy power to pro - tect us,

Pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
Guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ing.  
We who walk forth in Thy great - ness con - fid - ing?