

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
September 26, 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.

In an effort to create a safe environment, you may be reminded about our policies while with us.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Prelude to Worship

Sheri Martin

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. John Asher

Introduction to the Service

Teresa Noll

Land Acknowledgment

Teresa Noll

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.

* Call to Worship

Kim Randall

From the East, the direction of the rising sun, come wisdom and knowledge. Let us face East (*please turn to your right*) and let us pray: Enable us, O God, to be wise in our use of the resources of the earth, sharing them in justice, partaking of them in thankfulness. We learn from your creation that life is a sacred circle, of which there is no beginning and no end.

We are all related. Lord, hear our prayer.

Please face me. From the South comes guidance, the beginning and end of life. Let us face South (*please turn to face the back of the sanctuary*) and let us pray: May we walk good paths, O God, living on this earth as sisters and brothers should, rejoicing in one another's blessings, sympathizing in one another's sorrows, and together with you renewing the face of the earth.

We are all related. Lord hear our prayer.

Please face me. From the West come purifying waters. Let us face West (*please turn to your left*) and pray that the Holy Spirit of God may again breathe over the waters making them pure, making them fruitful. Let us pray: We pray that we too may be purified so that life may be sustained and nurtured over the entire face of the earth.

We are all related. Lord hear our prayer.

Please face me. From the North come purifying winds. O God, you have been called breath and wind of life. As we now face North, let us pray: May the air we breathe be purified so that life may be filled with your breath and be lived in unison with each other.

We are all related. Lord hear our prayer.

Choral Anthem

“For the Autumn Sky”

Prayer of Confession

Kim Randall

The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of misery, the circle of favor and the circle of denial.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

The circle of love is broken whenever there is hostility, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and a closed heart.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Through God’s grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Praise Song

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored

(Continued)

CHORUS:

**And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians, by our love**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land**

CHORUS

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride**

CHORUS

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one**

CHORUS

Moment for Mission

Jenn Hawley

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.

Sermon

"Unseen Prophets"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Luke 2: 21-38

This is the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

Hymn # 436

"We Are Your People"

Offering

Special Music

"Many And Great O God Are Thy Things"

Erin Calata & Sheri Martin

Doxology Hymn #592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Lord, this is our prayer/praise.

Lord, hear our prayer/praise.

(If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please only include identifying information if you have their permission.)

Lord's Prayer (Native American Prayer)

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place. Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon. Whatever you want done, let it, also be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

Praise Song

"And All the People Said Amen"

(see insert)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Postlude

Sheri Martin

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

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Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession: From Voices: Native American Hymns and Worship Resources, 1992, Marilyn Hofstra, Discipleship Resources, Nashville, TN.

Native American Lord's Prayer: Written by Hattie Corbett Enos, Nez Perce, great grandmother of Rev. Irvin Porter. Gifts of Many Cultures, 1995, Maren C. Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy, United Church Press, Cleveland, OH.

News & Notes

The Native American art pieces used in the service today are borrowed from Michael and Antionette Williams, friends of Merry and Scott Pantaleo. Michael is of Choctaw heritage and Antionette is of Blackfeet heritage. Both work in the medical field for the Puyallup Tribe. The art pieces were gifts to Michael and Antionette from the Puyallup Tribe.

GOD'S GANG MONDAYS 6:30-8PM Calling all kids in grades 2-5 to join God's Gang on Monday evenings for fun, games, and a cool Bible message! Parents, please drop off and pick up kids by the eastside double doors to the Fellowship Hall. We may play outside while the nice weather lasts. We will all wear masks. Jay Kennon, 253-229-1747, jay76kennon@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7-8:45PM Hey Teens (grades 6-12)! Jay and Caleb can't wait to see you at Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. We will be doing what Youth Group does best – Fun! Fellowship! Sharing the Good News! We will meet by the church garage. Restrooms will be available. Wear your masks please. Jay Kennon, 253-229-1747, jay76kennon@gmail.com.

UPDATE: SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATION The Christian Education Committee is currently monitoring covid statistics in our area, and consulting with members of the congregation, to announce a start-up date for our Christian Education programs this fall.

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.

NATIVE AMERICAN BUILDING FUND To make a donation, please do so by the means above, noting "Native American Building Fund".

HCC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL Hagar's Community Church, an Olympia Presbytery ministry located within the Washington Corrections Center for Women, has created a new devotional for the Advent season titled Unlikely Prophets. It can be preordered at: <https://cyclicalpublishing.com/unlikely-prophets/>.