

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us.
You know our hearts so well—touch them with your grace.
You see our deepest fears—heal them with your peace.
You hear our secret longings—speak to them of your hope.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The One who searches our broken hearts
has found the way to mend them and make us new people.
The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us,
that we might be made whole.
With kindness, and justice, God makes us new people and gives us the gift of a new day. Hallelujah! Amen!

Hymn # 469 "Morning Has Broken"
Sermon "Inside Out" *Kathy Johnstone*

Scripture Romans 7:15-25, Matthew 26:36-39 (NIV)
Hymn # 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayers of the People
Affirmation of Faith
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*meaning the universal Christian church—all believers in Jesus Christ
Song "Stand in Your Love" (see screen)

Community Life

* Song "Trading My Sorrows" *Brad Maxa*
(see screen)
* Benediction *Kathy Johnstone*

* Postlude

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We Welcome All

"We welcome all people to worship the living God..."

We want to care for, appropriately and effectively, anyone who wants Shepherd to be their spiritual home. This Spirit-led desire feels even more poignant when we consider those who have been disenfranchised, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those born in other places or of a different skin color, those experiencing economic hardship, and others.

To be inclusive means to accept all people as loved by God. We recognize that all who receive Christ belong in the community of faith. We also recognize and honor the rich complexity and diversity of people God calls to our faith community, including people who disagree with this statement. Though not all may agree, we find our unity in Christ who loves each of us and all of us together.

We welcome all people into all parts of the church's life and ministry, including ordained ministry as a Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder, or Deacon. We seek to appreciate the vital worth of each human being, and will intentionally work to provide welcome and inclusion of all people in the life of our congregation.

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

August 10, 2025 – 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.

The Prelude to Worship

Welcome

Brad Maxa

* Call to Worship

Janice Duvall

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

The life we have been given by God,

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship God.

* Song

"House of the Lord"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Watching God, we are so easily confused by what the world tells us and quickly forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering, 'what if?' or 'suppose?' we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

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