

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

September 21, 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

* Call to Worship

Ruth Kennon

Come, hear the good news:

The kingdom of God is like a mystery unfolding, revealed in many ways.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in their field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Like yeast that a baker mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all they have and buys the field.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of their possessions and buys the pearl.

The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

So let us celebrate together.

Praise be to God!

* Song

"Raise a Hallelujah"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times, we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague us, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. In Christ's name, amen.

The psalmist says, "I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Know that you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone; Christ is with us. Be encouraged, and encourage one another.

Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Amen.

Song

"More Than Able"

(see screen)

Sermon

"The Language of the Kingdom"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Various Selections

Song

"Do it Again"

(see screen)

Offering

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Community Life

* Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

(see screen)

Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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Call to Worship: Adapted from writings by Katherine Hawker, on her Outside the Box website.

Burden's Prayer: Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution Roles



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