

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~  
September 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

**Bold print indicates congregational response.**

## The Prelude to Worship

*Sheri Martin*

*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.*

## Welcome

*Rev. John Asher*

## \*Call to Worship

*Bev Cascio*

We celebrate these tiles that bring us together in their art.

**Their vivid colors and bright symbols reflect the vibrant faith we share.**

The cross a common theme, as is the Spirit's flame in red.

**Yet other symbols also speak of possibility and strength:**

the hope of chains being broken,

**the goodness of creation, the beauty that surrounds us here,**

we see the Spirit move among us;

**love is the language that we share.**

Let this art be a blessing, and an inspiration:

**a mosaic of our fellowship, its many voices, its common goal.**

For in every tile is a vision

**of the Lord, among us here.**

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

*Bev Cascio*

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**

**For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;**

**For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

**For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;**

**We pray for the courage to admit our fault,**

**The strength to amend our actions,**

**And the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Song

"Who Am I"

**Who am I that the Lord of all the earth**

**Would care to know my name**

**Would care to feel my hurt**

**Who am I that the bright and morning star**

**Would choose to light the way**

**For my ever wand'ring heart**

**Not because of who I am**

**But because of what You've done**

**Not because of what I've done**

**But because of who You are**

**I am a flower quickly fading**

**Here today and gone tomorrow**

**A wave tossed in the ocean**

**A vapor in the wind**

**Still You hear me when I'm calling**

**Lord You catch me when I'm falling**

**And You've told me who I am**

**I am Yours (I am Yours)**

(continued . . .)

**Who am I that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again  
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me**

**Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done  
But because of who You are**

**I am a flower quickly fading  
Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean  
A vapor in the wind  
Still You hear me when I'm calling  
Lord You catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am  
I am Yours (I am Yours)**

Children's Message

*Ken Emly*

*Children are welcome to remain in the service or follow the leaders to Sunday School.*

Scripture

**Nehemiah 4: 1-21**

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

Sermon

**"Principles and Prosperity"**

*Rev. John Asher*

Special Music

**"Even If"**

*Praise Team*

Prayers of the People

*Rev. John Asher*

**We ask that you only share identifiable information about others with their permission.**

**Response: Lord this is our prayer/praise, Lord hear our prayer/praise.**

Song of Affirmation

**"Same Power"**

**(see insert)**

## Community Life

\* Hymn # 446

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*Sheri Martin*

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