

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

May 17, 2026 – 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Susan Boyles

In the light of this day we have gathered;

We are a community that is one, bringing our questions and our joy.

In the song and silence we will listen –

What is it that God would have us hear this day?

In our praise and our prayers we will remember

That God's glory shines around us and within.

So let us worship God.

* Hymn # 485

"To God Be the Glory"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love:

Forgive us, merciful God.

Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than our excess, and Christ's grace is stronger than every desire that distorts us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song "I Need Thee Every Hour" (see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon "Gluttony and Abstinence" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Philippians 3:17-21 NIV

Hymn # 392 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" (see screen)

Offering

Special Music "Hear the People Singing"
(Pepper Choplin) *Shepherd Choir*

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

Rev. John Asher

* Hymn # 275

“God of Our Life”

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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