

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

July 21, 2024 – 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

Don Johnson

As the sun rises in the morning,
As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,
As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:
God is present with us.
In our sanctuary and in God's world.
Let us worship our Creator!

* Hymn # 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Don Johnson

For not being commandment-keepers, for keeping up with the Joneses, for jonesing for more and more and more,
God, forgive us.
For mistaking what was never ours to begin with as blessings to be hoarded instead of burdens to be given away,
God, forgive us.

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For giving handouts instead of hand-ups, for stripping our neighbors dignity instead of affirming it, for loving our possessions, our power, our privilege,

God, forgive us.

For building our own busted up empires instead of your upside-down kingdom. For our gluttony, our greed, and our disbelief in community,

God, forgive us.

For becoming flesh and moving into the neighborhood, for showing us the holy way downward mobility, for bidding us to come and see,

Jesus, we thank you.

For centering the margins, for turning water into wine, for dining with the "other",

Jesus, we thank you.

For expanding and overlapping our lives with those who are financial poor but rich in laughter, community, hope and love,

Jesus, we thank you.

For revealing yourself to us in the faces of our neighbors, for introducing us to Spirit-made community, for building a house with room for all,

Jesus, we thank you.

For descending, incarnating, dying, rising, and bringing us with you. For forgiving us for our sins,

Jesus, we thank you.

For showing us what it truly means to spend ourselves, share ourselves, and find ourselves again in you.

Jesus, we thank you. Amen.

Song

"God With Us"

**Who are we, That You would be mindful of us
What do You see, that's worth looking our way**

**We are free, In ways that we never should be
Sweet release, from the grip of these chains**

**Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing**

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**All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us**

**Lord You know, our hearts don't deserve Your glory
Still You show, a love we cannot afford**

**Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing**

**All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us**

**Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary
Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet
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Nevertheless we lay it at Your feet**

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For You alone be glorified
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Children's Message

Children, kindergarten-6th grade, may now go to Sermon Stretch with the leaders,
or return to their seat.

Angie Nacorda

Scripture

Acts 17: 24-27
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“This Land is Your Land’ by Woodie Guthrie” *Rev. John Asher*

Song

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

Offering

Special Music “Come and Go With Me to That Land” *Shepherd Summer Choir*
(Arr. Kendra Friar)

* 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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” insert

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

Praise Team

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