

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
January 14, 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

Dave Williams

We gather –

We gather together around a mystery.

We listen –

We listen for a voice we may not recognize.

We open –

We open our very souls to the Creator of All.

Then let us worship God.

* Hymn # 461

“God Is Here!”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Dave Williams

Holy God, for being so proud, so smart, so able, that we forget how to be humble, how to learn, and how to seek help; for being so smug, so anxious, so mean that we forget we are not always right, or in control, or good; for being less than what you created us to be: Forgive us, and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

My friends, Scripture tells us again and again: God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

Hallelujah, Amen!

Song

"Ancient Words"

**Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart**

**Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home**

CHORUS:

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart**

**Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ**

CHORUS

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

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

Scripture

Matthew 22: 23-33
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Bible is Unchanging”

Rev. John Asher

Song

“King of Kings”

(see insert)

Prayers of the People

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.

The Apostle’s Creed

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

“Oceans”

**You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand**

**And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace.
For I am Yours and You are mine.**

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**Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.
And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace.
For I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters,
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger,
In the presence of my Saviour.**

Community Life

* Song "Raise a Hallelujah" (see insert)

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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