

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

June 14 – 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

Kim Randall

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

* Hymn # 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.

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In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

Special Music

"I Will Give Thanks"

Shepherd Choir

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"Luxuria and Chastity"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Luke 7:36-50 NIV

Song

"Lord I Need You"

(see screen)

Welcoming New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

Song

"Who You Say I Am"

(see screen)

Prayer for Graduates

Community Life

Rev. John Asher

Special Music

"Soon and Very Soon"

Shepherd Choir

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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COVENANT OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

At Shepherd of the Hill, we say:

In our Mission Statement,

Enlarging our circle of Christian community brings others into the love and salvation of God through Jesus Christ. We especially seek outreach that provides for the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed in our community and in our world.

In our Covenant of Peace and Unity,

We will speak the truth with love, expressing ourselves with candor and humility; We will listen, endeavoring to understand each other, especially those whose views seem to differ from our own, maintaining a spirit of openness and vulnerability.

We seek to live our lives in accordance with the words of Micah 6:8:

...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

We at Shepherd of the Hill stand with our Black, Native American, and other brothers and sisters of color who have endured generations of systemic racism. We realize that too often we as a predominantly white church and as individuals have adhered to an attitude of passivity. We have watched in silence while people of color in our community are subjugated to a racist system that dehumanizes its people and treats them as less-than.

Recognizing that this covenant is a living document, to be reviewed by Session bi-annually, we pledge to assist the church in becoming God's intercultural community. We will work towards reconciliation and accountability in the following ways:

We confess and repent of our sins of silence and for not standing with the Black, Native American and other communities of color.

We will not take part in a continuation of that silence that perpetuates the "status quo" of racial injustice in all its forms.

We will compassionately listen to and care for communities of color who are working to put an end to systemic racism.

We will continue to educate ourselves about systemic racism and not rely on people of color to shoulder the burden of teaching us.

We will practice antiracism through informed actions in worship, Bible study, Christian education, prayer, and our daily lives.

As we live into this statement, we will seek to support all those in communities that have been marginalized.

(Adopted by Session, April 2021)