

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

Service for the Lord's Day
January 29, 2023 – 10:00am

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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.

Greetings

Rev. John Asher

*Call to Worship

Kelly McClure

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing,**

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are those who mourn,
who are grieving**

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are the ones who seek
justice and righteousness**

They will find it in God's reign forever.

**Blessed are we when we love our neighbors
and seek their needs**

We will live in God's reign forever.

Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others

in God's name.

Let us worship together, serving one another
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.

*Hymn #455

“All Creatures of Our God & King”

1 All creatures worship God most high,
lift up your voice in earth and sky,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy God to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest all both warmth and light,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!

The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And ev'ryone, with tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
as Christ before that way hath trod,
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
To God all thanks and praise belong!
Join in the everlasting song:
O sing ye, O sing ye, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Andy McClure

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare,

and greed. We forget how expansive your love is for us and for the world. We forget how deeply your love dwells within our hearts. We fail to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of your love. God of grace, help us to admit our failings, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, and be filled with the fullness of your love.

Song

“Come Thou Fount”

Verse One

**Come, thou Fount of
every blessing;
tune my heart to sing
thy grace;
streams of mercy, never
ceasing,
call for songs of loudest
praise.
Teach me some
melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues
above;
praise the mount! I'm
fixed upon it,
mount of God's
unchanging love!**

Verse Two

**Here I raise my
Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm
come;
and I hope, by thy good
pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a
stranger,
wandering from the fold
of God;
he, to rescue me from
danger,
interposed his precious
blood.**

Verse Three

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

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

Scripture

Matthew 5: 3-12

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"The Gift of Poetic Challenge"

Special Music

"Take Now My Voice" *Choir*

Prayers of the People

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

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

A Poem and Prayer

Rev. John Asher

Community Life

Song

"10,000 Reasons"

**CHORUS: Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

CHORUS

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

CHORUS

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

CHORUS

Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Postlude

Sheri Martin