Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

-Service for the Lord's Day -

July 10, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

(*) Please stand in body or in spirit. Bold type 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.

The Prelude to Worship

Rosie Thun

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship (please stand)

Merry Pantaleo

We gather:

a community of faith in God's subversive world.

We gather to celebrate

that no darkness can extinguish light,

to remember

that love will always be more powerful than death,

and to trust

that peace will always be stronger than violence.

We gather,

people of faith in the light of God's world.

Let us worship.

^{*} Hymn # 469

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

Children return to their family following the message.

<u>Scripture</u>

John 2: 1-11

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Clowning Humor of Christ"

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayers of the People

The Apostles 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

Community Life

- * Hymn # 368 (please stand) "I've Got Peace Like a River"
- * Benediction

Postlude

Rosie Thun

Greet someone you don't know following worship this morning!

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Call to Worship: written by Cheryl Lawrie and posted on her Hold This Space website. http://holdthisspace.org.au/

Letting Burden's Go Prayer: Authored by Nancy Townley of Worship Matters. Accessed at https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3501/worship-connection-january-16-2022

Sermon Series Resource: The sermon contains work from Douglas Adam's book "The Prostitute in the Family Tree: Discovering Humor and Irony in the Bible". This is a reference to Rahab being in Jesus' genealogy. Other works which inspired the sermon series are by Earl Palmer and Elton Trueblood.

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)

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN. 5.5.5.4 D



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Be Thou My Vision

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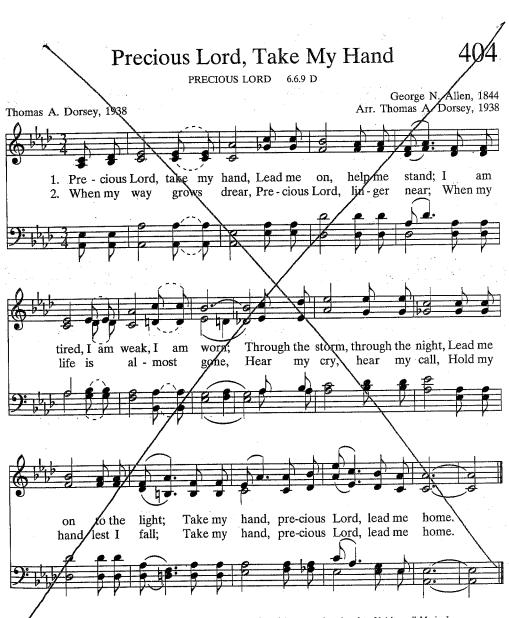


What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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- 3. Kuhn shim guhk juhng moo guh ooh jim 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Ah nee jin jah noo goon gah Pee nahn chuh nun oo ree Ye su Joo ggeh kee doh duh ree seh Seh sahng chin goo myul see ha go Nuh rul joh rong ha yuh doh Joo eh poo meh ahn gee uh suh Cham dwen wee ro baat get neh.
 - Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.



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