

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~  
August 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Masks required for all regardless of vaccination status. Vaccinated worship leaders may remove masks while actively leading the congregation. If you brought your own food and drink, you can remove your mask when actively consuming.

## The Prelude to Worship

“The Cause of Christ”  
Jobe, Fowler, Hastings

*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.

## Greeting and Announcements

*Rev. John Asher*

## Call to Worship

*Jay Kennon*

We come to this place from all kinds of places

**We bring our hearts and our minds and our faces.**

We've come from near and we've come from far.

**We've come here just as we are.**

And while the words might be amusing,

We know they wouldn't be everyone's choosing.

Some folks, who will remain anonymous,

Prefer their worship be deuteronomous.

And, that's okay, if it floats your boat:

The readings, the hymns, and reciting by rote.

But, today I think, that's not what takes.

Today, our boats float on different-ish lakes.

The style will be different, and before we begin it,

We have to make sure that we put our hearts in it.

So, bring on the whimsy, the tunes and the rhymes.

Let our worship reflect our tides and our times.  
And we gather this gathering in a gather-ly way:  
**To sing and to laugh, and to love, and to pray.**

Song  
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“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Hymn

**Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

Prayer of Confession

*Jay Kennon*

**There were lessons we learned as tots,  
But these days we forget them as often as not,  
With the strains and chains of every-day life,  
We lose our direction and often cause strife.  
We ask you, dear God, to forgive us our scoldings,  
And remind us each day of the lessons worth holding,  
From loving the ones who seem different than us,  
To taking up action against the unjust,  
To protecting the trees, and the ones with no voices,  
To learning that we are faced daily with choices.  
We lift up our hearts and we ask you to take them!  
Grow them three sizes, reshape them, remake them!  
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Jay Kennon*

We will sing, we will shout, we will dance in our chairs!  
**There is love in the world and God takes all our cares!**

Song of Invocation

*Sheri Martin*

Children's Message

*Rev. John Asher*

*For privacy, we do not show the video of the children on our live stream. The audio is broadcast.*

Scripture

Ezekiel 2

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Gospel According to Dr. Suess"

*Rev. John Asher*

Song

"Truth Be Told"

*Craig Snider*

Prayers of the People

*Rev. John Asher*

*Please do not share any identifying information during prayer requests without the appropriate permission of those mentioned. We do include prayers of the people in our live stream.*

The Lord's Prayer in the style of Dr. Suess

**Our great God in heaven, we bless your name.  
May your will and our will be one and the same.  
And as knowledge of your will in us is unfurled,  
To build up your kingdom in the midst of this world,  
We ask you, sustain us, as strength from within.  
And please, God, forgive our submissions to sin  
That make us neglectful of sisters and brothers  
And cause us to outsource our suffering to others.  
And also we pray that your grace may be felt  
As we forgive those from whom blows have been dealt.  
And do not permit guilt and fear to thus tempt us.  
By grace, from their bondage we ask you: exempt us!**

**For your power and glory are what see us through,  
And the hope that we hope for, O God, comes from you!  
Amen.**

Song

*“Benediction”*

*Praise Team*

My friends may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior  
My Friends may you grow in grace  
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ

(chorus)

To God be the glory, now and forever  
Now and forever, Amen  
To God be the glory, now and forever  
Now and forever, Amen

I pray tonight if we learn from one another  
May we glorify Him  
And if the Lord should bring us back together  
May we be in his arms till then

Benediction

*Rev. John Asher*

Postlude

*Sheri Martin*

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

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*Call to Worship, Confession, and Assurance of Forgiveness written by Rev. Abbie Huff.*

*Dr. Suess Lord's Prayer: Written by Aaron Houghton.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROMOTING A SAFE WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT** We are taking significant precautions in order to promote a safe environment this Sunday. In addition to the mask requirement, the following actions are being taken:

- 1) *Pews spaced to allow for more distance.*
- 2) *The ventilation system will be on before, during, and after the service. Doors and windows will be opened unless it disrupts the service.*
- 3) *Upgraded air filters are being installed.*
- 4) *The amount of congregational singing during the service has been reduced.*
- 5) *While vaccinated worship leaders can lead without a mask, they have proven their vaccination status.*
- 6) *Outside food and drinks are welcome, but masks can only be removed when actively consuming.*

At this time we aren't able to offer nursery services, but parents are welcome to use the nursery as needed during the service. The service will be available on the TV.

**WAYS TO GIVE** On our website, go to: <https://www.sothpres.com/give/> to set up your account. On our church app, click on "Give". When you give through the website or app, 2% of your gift goes to the Presbyterian Foundation. **A tithing box is located near the front entrance of the church in the Narthex.** You can also send checks to: SOTH, PO Box 73426, Puyallup, WA 98373. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Ken Emly, Financial Secretary, at [sohtreasr@comcast.net](mailto:sohtreasr@comcast.net).

**FURNITURE BUILD - SATURDAY AUGUST 14** We are excited to announce that on August 14 in the church parking lot from 9am until 2pm we'll be having an Ikea furniture building day. We are linking up with the Northwest Furniture Bank in Tacoma who provides household furniture to individuals and families throughout Pierce County. These families are without furniture but transitioning into their own homes. These individuals are often transitioning out of homeless, domestic violence victims, and low-income populations. The NWFB gets donations from Ikea but needs help building the pieces. Come by Saturday and stay for the whole time or just part and help us build some furniture.

If you would like to participate please contact Brittain Southwell to get your name on the list. While there is not a limited number, we would like to know a rough estimate on how many individuals to expect

**OFFICE HOURS** The church office is now open Tuesday-Thursday from 9am-2pm, no appointment needed! Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated when stopping by.

**FOOD DONATIONS** We are accepting non-perishable food (please check expiration dates) for the Puyallup Food Bank Tuesdays-Thursday from 9am-2pm. Just drop donations at the front doors. The need is great. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** This month's meeting will be held at the home of Anne Bennett: 1914 20th St SE, Puyallup on the back deck at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Sandy Cannon is the host and discussion leader. The book is The Tattooist from Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Anne still has several books in the kit and would be happy to arrange a pickup if you'd like one.