

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lords Day ~

November 20, 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

Sheri Martin

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship *(please stand if able)*

Dona Johnson

Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

God created all that is!

We celebrate that great love of God.

God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.

Rejoice and be glad today!

Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.

Amen.

* Hymn # 414

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Relentless God of love, you have raised Jesus from death to be the power of love always in our midst

We confess our failure to fully entertain and trust his love.

We have not loved you, God, with his joyous enthusiasm.

We have not loved others with his burning compassion.

We have not even loved ourselves sufficiently to fully nurture our own lives in the love and liberty of Christ Jesus.

Consequently our characters are stunted, our achievements flawed, our peace is fractured, and our happiness is diminished.

God of persistent mercy,

please overthrow those feelings and thoughts

which have become barriers against the inflowing of your truth and love.

Please enter the stubborn or fearful corners of our being

with your light and your forgiveness.

Restore us to the joy of your salvation and renew a right spirit with us.

Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen!

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

Children and teens are invited to join in Sunday School after the Children's Message by following the leaders. Youth of all ages are always welcome to remain in the service as well.

Sermon

"Compelled to Love"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-46

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

"We Are Called"

Choir

Offering

As we plan for 2023, you are invited to commit to financially supporting what God is doing through Shepherd of the Hill for the coming year. You may fill out the included pledge card and put it in the donations box in the narthex or email your pledge to sohtreasr@comcast.net.

Doxology # 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Community Life

* Hymn # 435 (please stand) "We All Are One in Mission"

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Please stay for the Congregational Meeting following worship.

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Burden's Prayer: written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/59Sun30.htm>

Call to Worship: posted on Ministry Matters at

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1805/worship-connection-october-25-2020>

Vision

Shepherd of the Hill fulfills its mission by focusing on these four pillars:

WORSHIP

(Psalm 95:6-7)

Our worship is sensitive to the diverse needs of our community such that all people are led to spiritual growth and a deeper commitment to serving Christ.

FELLOWSHIP

(Hebrews 10:24-25a)

We offer a wide variety of small groups to facilitate spiritual maturity, interpersonal relationships, and service to Christ.

OUTREACH

(Mark 16:15; Micah 6:8)

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.

EDUCATION

(II Timothy 3:16)

Christ centered education fosters ever deepening understanding of the love of God and the call to service for all ages.

414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN CMD

English folk melody

Frank von Christierson, 1960; alt.

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. As those of old their first-fruits brought Of vine-yard, flock, and field.
 2. A world in need now summons us To la-bor, love, and give,
 3. With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust We bring our best to You,

To God, the giv-er of all good, The source of boun-teous yield,
 To make our life an of-fer-ing To God that all may live.
 Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neigh-bors too.

So we to-day our first-fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
 The church of Christ is call-ing us To make the dream come true:
 O God who gave Your-self to us In Je-sus Christ Your Son,

Of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.
 A world re-deemed by Christ-like love, All life in Christ made new.
 Help us to give our-selves each day Un-til life's work is done.

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We All Are One in Mission

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Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt.

Memmingen ms., 17th century
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.

Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,

To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.