

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

July 5, 2026 – 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

Janice Duvall

* Call to Worship

Kim Randall

The God we worship is steady and faithful;

Yet continues to surprise us.

Before we ever knew about God:

God knew us and loved us.

Even if we aren't aware of God's presence:

God promises to be with us.

Even when hope seems lost:

God refreshes us with grace.

God's mercies are new every morning.

Let us worship our God!

* Hymn # 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! A new day has dawned! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!
Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn #469

"Morning Has Broken"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

Sarah Holmes

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"Failure . . . and Redemption"

Brad Maxa

Scripture

Numbers 20:7-12; Deuteronomy 34:1-6, 10-12 NIV

Song

"Made for More"

(see screen)

Welcome to the Table

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen, Pastor Emeritus

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Communion Prayer

* Song "O Praise the Name" (see screen)

Prayer for Our Country *John Perry*

Community Life *Janice Duvall*

* Song "Jesus Messiah" (see screen)

* Benediction *Brad Maxa*

* Postlude

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