

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
September 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

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.

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

*Call to Worship

Janice Duvall

With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:
Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.
With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:
Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.
With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:
Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.

* Song

**“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess you are God,
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now.**

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Janice Duvall

**My God and Creator,
My heart is unclean, but you can purify it.
My heart is full of darkness, but you can illuminate it.
My heart is sad, but you can comfort it.
My heart is wicked, but your love can change it.
My heart is cold, but your love can warm it.
My heart is weak, but you can strengthen it.
My heart clings to the earth, but you can fill it with heavenly desires.
My heart is broken, but you can redeem it..
My heart is wayward and inconstant, but you can make it content.
Come then Holy Spirit and fill me, and all the earth, with your love.
In Christ's name I pray, Amen.**

Hymn # 356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Children's Message

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

Scripture

**Nehemiah 2: 1-9
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“An Altar for Our Legacies”

Rev. John Asher

Song

"Only Jesus"

**Make it count leave a mark build a name for yourself
Dream your dreams chase your heart above all else
Make a name the world remembers
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams
I got lost in the light when it was up to me
To make a name the world remembers
But Jesus is the only name to remember**

Chorus:

**And I, I don't want to leave a legacy
I don't care if they remember me
Only Jesus
And I I've only got one life to live
I'll let every second point to Him
Only Jesus**

**All the kingdoms built all the trophies won
Will crumble into dust when it's said and done
'Cause all that really matters
Did I live the truth to the ones I love
Was my life the proof that there is only One
Whose name will last forever**

Chorus

**Jesus is the only name
Jesus is the only name
Jesus is the only name to remember**

Chorus

**I, I don't want to leave a legacy
I don't care if they remember me
Only Jesus**

Offering

Special Music

"Tremble"

Praise Team

* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

A Blessing of Gratitude

Community Life

* Song

"10,000 Reasons"

(see insert)

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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