

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Fourth Sunday of Lent ~  
March 27, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Bold type indicates congregational participation.**

*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*

Greetings

*Rev. John Asher*

\* Call to Worship

*Ruth Kennon*

**Never again will we be exactly in this place—  
With these same hopes and these same prayers.  
Never again will we be exactly in this place—  
With these same hurts and these same dreams.  
So as we gather together,  
May we bring our hopes and prayers and dreams;  
May we bring our hurts and wants and needs  
To the God of this day, to the God of this place.  
For surely God is here.  
Let us worship Holy God.**

\* Song

**“Praise You in This Storm”**

**I was sure by now, God You would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away, Stepped in and saved the day  
But once again, I'll say Amen, And it's still rainin'**

*(Continued . . .)*

**As the thunder rolls, I barely hear You whisper  
Through the rain, I'm with You  
And as Your mercy falls, I'll raise my hands  
And praise the God who gives, And takes away**

*CHORUS*

**And I'll praise You in this storm, And I will lift my hands  
For You are who You are, No matter where I am  
And ev'ry tear I've cried, You hold in Your hand  
You never left my side, And though my heart is torn  
I will praise You in this storm**

**I remember when, I stumbled in the wind  
You heard my cry to You, And raised me up again  
But my strength is almost gone  
How can I carry on, If I can't find You**

**As the thunder rolls, I barely hear You whisper  
Through the rain, I'm with You  
And as Your mercy falls, I'll raise my hands  
And praise the God who gives, And takes away**

*CHORUS*

**I lift my eyes unto the hills, Where does my help come from  
My help comes from the Lord, The Maker of heaven and earth *REPEAT***

*CHORUS*

Letting Go of Our Burdens

*Ruth Kennon*

**God of grace— You ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable. You ask us to care for the environment, but that requires sacrifice. You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability. Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes, and choose ourselves. Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas and letting go of your call to love. Cultivate in us more faithful spirits— hearts that are strong enough to choose one another and minds smart enough to make the sacrifice. Forever grateful we pray, Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn # 184

“How Blest Are Those”

Children’s Message

*Rev. John Asher*

*For privacy, we limit the video of the children on our live stream. The audio is broadcast.*

Children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade may be excused to Sunday School in the CE Area,  
or remain in worship with their parents.

Sermon

“Cultivating Forgiveness”

*Rev. John Asher*

Scripture

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Oh, Lord”

*Praise Team*

Prayers of the People

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.**

Special Music

“Light of My Soul”

*Choir*

Community Life

Song

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt**

*(Continued . . .)*

*CHORUS*

**Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin**

**Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater yes grace untold, Points to the refuge the mighty Cross**

*CHORUS*

**Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, What can avail to wash it away  
Look there is flowing a crimson tide, Whiter than snow you may be today**

*CHORUS*

**Marvelous infinite matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive**

*CHORUS*

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

*Sheri Martin*

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**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 –  
and ends with the Saturday of Holy Week, April 16, 2022.**

**Lent begins with the 40 days plus six Sundays before Easter which are set aside for spiritual repentance and renewal. It is a time of personal reflection and rededication to Jesus Christ. The 40 days are symbolic of the 40 years of the Old Testament wilderness wanderings and the 40 days of Jesus' wilderness experience.**

**We are encouraged to use this season of spiritual preparation as we face the reality of our sin and the meaning of the cross.**