

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

August 3, 2025 – 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.

## The Prelude to Worship

### Welcome

*Rev. John Asher*

### \* Call to Worship

*Paul Cascio*

There is a power that does not destroy,  
but protects, restores, and sets free.

**We come to worship that kind of power: the power of love.**

We are not what the world tells us we are—  
not weapons, not labels, not mistakes.

**We are God's beloved, called to live with purpose and peace.**

Even when we fall short, God chooses mercy.

Even when we resist, God keeps reaching.

**Let us worship the One who works for our good—and the good of all.**

### \* Song

"Love of God"

(see screen)

## Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

*(Inspired by Exodus 20:1-20, Matthew 21:33-46, Philippians 3:4-14)*

**God of wrath and thunder,  
you hate those things which destroy creation  
and harm your creatures.  
You show us through the prophets  
the way of peace with each other.  
In Jesus Christ you gave us the new foundation of love.  
Save us from the self-righteousness  
that leads us to rely on our own resources,  
and from making ourselves immune  
to the challenge of those who are different.  
Give us the courage to give away those things which make us count  
so that only Christ will count with us;  
In his name we pray, amen.**

The good news is this: Christ did not cling to status or strength, but became vulnerable for our sake—choosing mercy over might, and love over fear. Because of this, we are not defined by our failures or our defenses. Friends, hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and invited to live with purpose once again.  
**Hallelujah! Amen!**

<u>Song</u>	"Made for More"	(see screen)
<u>Sermon</u>	"The Iron Giant"	<i>Rev. John Asher</i>
<u>Scripture</u>	Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)	
<u>Song</u>	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"	(see screen)
<u>Welcome to the Table</u>		

### 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

**"Live Like Jesus"**

**(see screen)**

### Community Life

### **\* Hymn # 386**

**"O for a World"**

### **\* Benediction**

*Rev. John Asher*

### **\* Postlude**

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**Call to Worship:** Written by Pastor John with the assistance of artificial intelligence.

**Burden's Prayer:** Adapted from Starters for Sunday, posted on the website of the Church of Scotland.

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# *We Welcome All*

**"We welcome all people to worship the living God..."**

**We want to care for, appropriately and effectively, anyone who wants Shepherd to be their spiritual home. This Spirit-led desire feels even more poignant when we consider those who have been disenfranchised, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those born in other places or of a different skin color, those experiencing economic hardship, and others.**

**To be inclusive means to accept all people as loved by God. We recognize that all who receive Christ belong in the community of faith. We also recognize and honor the rich complexity and diversity of people God calls to our faith community, including people who disagree with this statement. Though not all may agree, we find our unity in Christ who loves each of us and all of us together.**

**We welcome all people into all parts of the church's life and ministry, including ordained ministry as a Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder, or Deacon. We seek to appreciate the vital worth of each human being, and will intentionally work to provide welcome and inclusion of all people in the life of our congregation.**