

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

October 11, 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

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Ruth Kennon

If you are hungry,

there is room at God's table.

If you are weary,

there is a seat saved for you.

If you dream of belonging,

then we will practice belonging here.

From north, south, east, and west,

God invites us home.

Let us worship our nourishing God.

* Song

"Holy Forever"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Creator God, We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Family of faith, I don't know what this past week has looked like for you, but I do know this: God has saved a seat for you. And that is the case even if you overlooked your neighbor, even if you doubted God's love for you, even if you chose scarcity over abundance, or fear over joy. Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Special Music

"We Can Share His Love"
(Don Besig)

Shepherd Choir

Children's Blessing

People: **"The Lord be with you!"**

Kids: **"And also with you!"**

Sermon

"The Cross of Unity"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21 NIV

Song

"Remembrance"

(see screen)

Welcome to the Table

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

Hymn # 513

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(see screen)

Communion Prayer

Community Life

*** Song**

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

(see screen)

*** Benediction**

Rev. John Asher

*** Postlude**

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We Welcome All

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.

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