

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
November 5, 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

Ruth Kennon

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

* Hymn # 356

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Ruth Kennon

Holy God, we confess that we are an arrogant people – so full of “knowledge” that we hardly have any room for love. We confess that we too often judge when we really need to listen. We confess that we push people away when you call us to welcome them into our communities. We confess that we think only about protecting ourselves when we are challenged to risk everything for others. Lord, forgive us for being more concerned with “being right” than we are with “showing love”. Forgive us for demanding uniformity when you call us to celebrate diversity. Guide us, Great God, to live according to your unconditional love. Teach us to see one another as siblings, that we may learn to live in peace and unity. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Song

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones, When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know, I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus:

My fear doesn't stand a chance, When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance, When I stand in Your love
My fear doesn't stand a chance, When I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide, I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind, I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Repeat

Chorus x 2

Standing in Your love, standing in your love

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

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

Scripture

Hebrews 5:11–6:3

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

Sermon

“Growing Together”

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 285

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Communion

As we celebrate communion, you are invited to come forward and to partake in the elements as you receive them. We seek to be inclusive in providing the sacrament.

Therefore, we are offering communion in with these options:

Gluten-free crackers are in the glass bowls on the trays and available with any server.

For those who prefer to stay seated, please raise your hand and we will bring the elements to you.

After the sanctuary is served, one set of servers will be departing to serve those in the nursery and Sunday School.

Special Music

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Praise Team

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.

Responsive Prayer of the People

Response: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.

Community Life

* Song

“Graves Into Gardens”

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* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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