

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 – 9:00 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

He is Risen!

**He is Risen Indeed!**

*Rev. John Asher*

#### \* Call to Worship

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

The good news is dancing!

**The good news is on the loose!**

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*Pat Williams*

#### \* Song

“Praise”

(see screen)

## Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of praise. We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus singing praise, we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.**

**This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

## Children's Blessing

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

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

## Sermon

"Alive in the World"

*Rev. John Asher*

## Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10 NIV

## Song

"Love of God"

(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

As we celebrate communion, you are invited to partake of the cup when you receive it. We will take the bread together, when prompted, after all are served. We seek to be inclusive in providing the sacrament. Therefore, know the following options are available to you:

In addition to bread, gluten-free crackers in the marked glass bowl on each tray.

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

Special Music

“Grace Like Rain”

*Praise Team*

## Prayer After Communion

### Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**It sounds like welcome  
and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter  
and feels like mercy.**

**It sounds like love  
and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.**

**I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,  
even when mercy feels out of reach,**

**I remember the one who  
welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who  
cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* Song

“Happy Day”

(see screen)

\* Benediction

*Rev. John Asher*

\* Postlude

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