

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

April 19, 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

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:

"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

*Angie Nacorda*

\* Song

"Gather Us In"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

**Gracious and loving God,**

**you know the deep patterns of our lives that keep us from being wholly yours.**

**You see what is broken within us, and what is broken among us,**

**the habits and systems that bind us to less than your purpose.**

**You know our reluctance to let you have your way with us,**

**as individuals and as your people.**

**And still, you hear the deeper cry of our hearts for wholeness.**

**By your grace, open us to your transforming presence.**

**Shape us, restore us, and lead us together into new life.**

**Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

Friends, hear the good news: God does not hold our sins against us but meets us with grace, restores what is broken, and calls us into new life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**We are forgiven, restored, and made new. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"In This Very Room"

*Shepherd Choir*

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"Vices, Virtues, and Wholeness"

*Rev. John Asher*

Scripture

Jeremiah 6:16; John 5:1-9

Song

"Lord I Need You"

(see screen)

Stephen Ministry Update

*Bev Cascio*

Offering

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Song

“Build My Life”

(see screen)

Community Life

*Rev. John Asher*

\* Song

“Cornerstone”

(see screen)

\* Benediction

*Rev. John Asher*

\* Postlude

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Burden's Prayer: Written by Pastor John with assistance from artificial intelligence.



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## *Easter Weekend Thanksgiving*

We give thanks for the holy and joyful Easter weekend we shared together as a church.

On Good Friday, approximately 70 people gathered for a moving Tenebrae service.

We are grateful for our worship team, choir, and all who helped lead us in a sacred time of reflection. On Easter morning, we celebrated the resurrection with 250 people in person and 36 joining online—one of the highest Easter attendances in our congregation's history.

We also celebrate the remarkable spirit of service that made this weekend possible.

Nearly 70 people volunteered their time and gifts, including about 40 serving in hospitality, teaching, and technical roles, along with 30 musicians and choir members.

Through their leadership and through many quiet, behind-the-scenes acts of care, our congregation was able to offer a meaningful and welcoming experience.

We give thanks for every person who prepared the space, greeted, taught, led music, supported children, and served in ways seen and unseen. Together, you helped create a place where the hope of the resurrection was encountered in real and tangible ways.

This is the church living out its calling—together.