

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~

May 22, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

(*) Please stand in body or in spirit.

Bold type 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

Rosie Thun

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Kim Randall

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—

**a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—

**a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—

**all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun. Let us glorify God in song.

* Hymn # 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Kim Randall

Almighty God, Your Son said, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Holy One has set.”

**Yet we keep searching for signs and omens,
trying to predict the future instead of living fully each day.**

Jesus said, “John baptized with water,
but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

**Yet we are more concerned with following the proper procedures,
than with opening our hearts to those around us.**

Jesus said, “You will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”

**Forgive us, Holy One, when we try to shape the world according to our desires,
instead of asking for the power to do your will.**

Amen.

Song

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”
Higher than the mountains that I face,
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change,
This one thing remains, this one thing remains

Chorus:

Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
(repeat)
Your love

And on and on and on and on it goes,
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid,
This one thing remains

Chorus

(Continued . . .)

**In death, in life, I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt, is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love**

Chorus

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

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

Sermon

"Persistence With Us"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Acts 1: 3-14

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

Song

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

Wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

Wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God

The everlasting God

You do not faint

You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak

You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat

Litany for Justice

(see insert)

Prayers of the People

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

** meaning the universal Christian church—all believers in Jesus Christ*

Hymn # 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Community Life

Rev. John Asher

* Song

“Trust in You”

(see insert)

* Benediction

Postlude

Rosie Thun

Greet someone you don't know following worship this morning!

Litany for Justice

God of justice. Open the eyes of those who wield power to the destructiveness of racism. Let justice roll like a river and move us to repentance and transformation. Convict the hearts of leaders in government, businesses, charities and the church, towards your kingdom values. May righteousness flow like a mighty stream.

God of justice, hear our prayer.

Christ who lived under occupation. Help us identify and change the systems and power structures in our countries that perpetuate racial inequality. Teach us to transform into societies that uphold the dignity of each person, made in your image. Where we need to be stirred, wake us up to take our part in praying, speaking up and taking action.

Christ who lived under occupation, hear our prayer.

Spirit of God, our breath in this world. Let this moment in history bring about everlasting change to violence and discrimination based on the colour of someone's skin. Breathe newness into our lands, our systems, our structures, our ways of living with one another.

Spirit of God, our breath in this world, hear our prayer.

God of restored relationships, to whom we all belong. Bring healing to all those that are suffering and have endured the pain caused by racial injustice. Restore broken relationships, bring peace; your peace and wholeness to all people in all places.

God of restored relationships, to whom we all belong, hear our prayer.

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Call to Worship: written by Christine Sine, and posted on Godspace.

<http://godspace-msa.com/2014/05/13/ascension-day-what-is-it-all-about/>

Letting Burden's Go: Accessed at <https://firstallen.org/sermons/get-ready-wait/>.

Litany for Justice: A Prayer for Racial Justice, Tearfund Staff Conference 2020, Black Lives Matter: A Guide to Help You Respond to Racial Injustice, <https://www.tearfund.org/-/media/files/main-site/about-us/blm-guide.pdf>, p. 12.

TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wondering
Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty warrior King of the fight
No matter what I face You're by my side

Chorus:

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

Chorus

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood

Chorus

138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA 11.12.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

Descant

4. Ho - ly, - - - - - ly,

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, - - - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.4

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.

Felice de Giardini, 1769

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Comê, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est prais - es be,

Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
 Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!