

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

April 26, 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

Helen Carpenter

Thinking we know all the answers,
yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

In the company of sinners,
in cahoots with saints:

we gather as God's people.

Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith;
seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

we lift our praise to God.

* Song

"Jesus Messiah"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Lord, we confess that we are tempted to be relevant, to be popular, and to be powerful. In our pride, we seek to be recognized as great. Humble us and remind us that we are your beloved children, who do not need to prove ourselves to the world. Your love is enough. Your grace is sufficient. Guide us and re-form our hearts so that our ultimate desire is to love, serve and worship you. In Christ we pray, Amen.

In Jesus Christ, we are not measured by the world's standards, but held in God's grace. In Jesus Christ, our striving is met with mercy, and our pride is met with love. Declare the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" (see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon "Pride and Humility" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Proverbs 16:16-19 NIV

Song "I Surrender" (see screen)

Prayers of the People

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Affirmation of Faith - From the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female*, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature . . .

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

** This phrase reflects the 1983 Brief Statement of Faith. We recognize that God's image extends beyond a gender binary.*

Special Music

"Prayer for Peace"
(Benjamin Harlan/text by St. Francis of Assisi)

Shepherd Choir

Community Life

Rev. John Asher

*** Song**

"Live Like Jesus"

(see screen)

*** Benediction**

Rev. John Asher

*** Postlude**

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Attribution Notes:

Call to Worship: Written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. Visit there for many other excellent lectionary-based worship resources.

Burden's Prayer: By Casey Clark; **Sermon Series:** The sermon series is inspired and informed by Grace Hamman's book "Ask of Old Paths"



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