

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
September 10, 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** *(inspired by Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7)*

Paige Maxa

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply --

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

Choral Anthem

“For the Autumn Skies”

Blessing of Spaces

* Song

**“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning,
New every morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.**

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Paige Maxa

God, we so easily forget. We forget that you have forgiven our past, present, and future. We forget your faithfulness and mercy are beyond our imagination. And because we forget, we fear. We fear that somehow your faithfulness will end with us. We fear rejection from others, and wonder if you will turn from us as well. Thank you for reminding us that in your family there is no rejection. There is only love. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Children's Message

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

Scripture

**Nehemiah 1
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What We Pass On”

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 275

“God of Our Life”

Community Life

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, know the following options are available to you:

Please approach any group of servers that you wish.

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 after serving others.

Special Music

"Above All"

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.

* 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
One thing remains, one thing remains**

CHORUS:

**Your love never fails, It never gives up
Never runs out on me**

(REPEAT)

Your love

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

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

(Continued...)

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

**Your love never fails, It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT)
Your love**

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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