

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~

May 26, 2024 – 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

Helen Carpenter

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity
to set those who were oppressed free.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from sorrow-filled endings
to bright new beginnings.**

* Hymn # 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Helen Carpenter

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Song

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer**

**Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
The joys I feel the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer**

**Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer**

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

Children can now return to their families, as there is no Sunday School this morning.

Scripture

Matthew 6: 5-13

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

Sermon

"Being Present to God"

Rev. John Asher

Song

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
Lord, listen to Your children praying
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to Your children praying
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace

Prayers of the People

Song

"The Lord's Prayer"
Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive 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 and ever, Amen.
Forever and ever, Amen.

Special Music of Affirmation

"Battle Belongs"

Praise Team

Community Life

Rev. John Asher

* Song

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.**

REPEAT

**Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.**

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

Please join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

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