

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
October 15, 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

Dona Johnson

Come!

Come and worship,

you who woke early and you who slept late;

you who come often, and you who don't.

Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

and more than enough grace to go around.

Let's worship God together!

* Hymn # 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Dona Johnson

Lord of mercy and compassion, we bare our souls before you in this hour of worship and prayer. We have been unfaithful to you and have forsaken the great love you have shared with us. For our wandering, wayward ways, hear our burdens and selfishness and offer us your forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness and the strength to behave as your true children, as your very people, the Church. Through Jesus Christ, we come to you seeking redemption. Amen.

Song

**"Change My Heart, O God"
Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God;
May I be like You.**

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

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

Scripture

**Nehemiah 8: 9-12, 13-17
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Passing on Joy"

Rev. John Asher

Special Music

**"Canyons and Waterfalls"
(Arr. Melody Bober)**

Caroline Davidson

Prayers of the People

We ask that you only share identifiable information about others with their permission.

Response: Lord this is our prayer/praise, Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Song of Affirmation

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean

I've got love like an ocean in my soul

Community Life

* Song

"Awesome God"

When He rolls up His sleeves, He ain't puttin' on the ritz

Our God is an awesome God

There is lightning in His footsteps and thunder in His fists

Our God is an awesome God

The Lord wasn't joking when he kicked 'em out of Eden

It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood

His return is very soon so you better be believin'

That our God is an awesome God.

(continued...)

Chorus:

**Our God is an awesome God
He reign's from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God**

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night

Our God is an awesome God

He spoke into the darkness and created the light

Our God is an awesome God

Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom

Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten

That our God is an awesome God

Chorus

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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