

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

September 8, 2024 – 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.

The Prelude to Worship

“Jesus Loves Me”

Praise Team

(Please see the lyrics printed on the back or on the screen if you would like to join in.)

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Anne Bennett

God is good!

All the time.

All the time,

God is good!

Let that goodness wash over us.

And overflow out into the world.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn # 429

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Anne Bennett

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Special Music

"Blessings"
(Laura Story)

Craig Snider

Children's Message

Mattie Garcia

Following the message, children K-6th grade may follow the leaders to Sunday School in the CE Area, or can return to their families.

Sermon

"Outward Bound: Moving Beyond Belief"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Luke 16: 19-31

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

Hymn # 343

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

Retreat Home Update

Sarah ButlerWills

Hymn # 514

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Welcome to The Table

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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:

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.

Missoula Mission Trip Report

* Song

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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