

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church ^{USA}

September 1, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

The Prelude to Worship

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

Susan Boyles

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

Where we are siblings in Christ.

Friends, let us worship God.

* Song

“Stand In Your Love”

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer *(Inspired by Shepherd's Covenant of Peace and Unity)*

Gracious God, we do not always know how to handle conflict. We avoid difficult conversations, and when we do engage, we do not always speak with love and humility. We fail to listen with open hearts and minds, and we are quick to assume the worst in others. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we contribute to division and discord. Help us to seek Your guidance through Scripture, to pray for one another, and to speak truth with love. Grant us the courage to trust in Your gift of peace and unity, and the wisdom to build up rather than tear down. In Christ, who is our peace, we pray. Amen.

Song "It Is Well with My Soul" (see screen)

Children's Message *Susan Boyles*
Children may return to their seat or follow leaders to the CE Area.

Sermon "Political Violence" *Rev. John Asher*

Song "I Surrender" (see screen)

Prayer for Mission Trip Team

Offering
Special Music "Prince of Peace"

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Community Life

* Song "Living Hope" (see screen)

* Benediction *Rev. John Asher*

* Postlude

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Burden's Prayer: N/A (Written by Pastor John)

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