

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

August 16, 2026 - 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Janice Duvall

* Call to Worship

Don Johnson

We gather at the edge of the known world, stepping into the borderlands where the margins meet.

We leave behind our guarded gates and our carefully built walls.

Here, in the wild and holy places, we listen for the voice of the Divine.

We come seeking wisdom that is not about what we keep out, but about what we let in.

Let us praise the God who disrupts our boundaries and invites us to a wider, more inclusive love.

* Hymn # 150

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God of expansive grace, you call us to look beyond the rigid lines of tradition, culture, and prejudice. Forgive us for the times we have guarded the "bread" of your love, distributing it only to those who look like us or think like us. Open our hearts and our ears. Remind us that your mercy is not a scarce commodity to be rationed, but an overflowing feast. Grant us bold, persistent faith, that we may challenge injustice and recognize your healing presence in the most unexpected places. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Hear the good news: what truly defiles us is not what is outside us, but the hate, exclusion, and apathy we harbor within. But the grace of God washes over the darkest corners of our hearts.

In Christ, there are no insiders and no outsiders. The table is stretched wide enough for all. Thanks be to God!

Hymn # 280

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: **"The Lord be with you!"**

Kids: **"And also with you!"**

Sermon

"We Are All Kin"

Rev. Dr. Tammy Stampfli

Scripture

Matthew 15: 10-28 NIV

Song

"This Is Amazing Grace"

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Kathy Johnstone and Pat Williams

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Vacation Bible School Report

Caitlin Frackenpohl

Community Life

Janice Duvall

* Song

"One Thing Remains"

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Tammy Stampfli

* Postlude

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