Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday of Easter and Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 25, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.
Please "Check In" on social media, then set all electronic devices to silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Sarabande with Variations, HWV437" G.F. Handel
Michel Von Loh, Guitar

The Chimes

Introit "Awake My Soul" Elaine Hagenberg
Madrigals of Mountain Ridge High School; Kelly DeHaan, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from "On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace") *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

One: In a world filled with violence and war,
Many: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

One: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,
Many: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

One: In a world filled with heroes and helpers,
Many: we gather together to celebrate all who served and all who sacrificed for our nation.

***Opening Hymn** "O God of Every Nation" Red UM Hymnal #**435**

The Word for Children *(after this, children are excused to Sunday School)*

Pastoral Prayer and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "True Light" Keith Hampton
Concert Choir of Mountain Ridge High School; Kelly DeHaan, Director

Gospel Reading and Reflection *Rev. Thai-Erwin*
*John 14:23-47
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Choral Concert

Men of Note: **"**Rise Up, O Men of God" Traditional

Legacy Women: "Come to Me" Dan Forrest
"Like a River in My Soul" Dan Forrest

Madrigals: "Come Find His Rest" Dan Forrest
"Abide with Me" Lloyd Larsen

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" Red UM Hymnal #**67**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter
Chancel Choir and Concert Choir

Postlude "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. Powell
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Memorial Day flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of all those who gave their lives serving their country. We also honor current and retired veterans. Please see the insert with the list of CGS Veterans.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Thank you to the visiting choir from Mountain Ridge High School for providing today's music! Under the direction of Kelly DeHaan, the Mountain Ridge High School Choirs are dedicated to excellence in vocal performance and musical artistry. Based in Herriman, Utah, this dynamic program features six choirs, each providing students with opportunities to grow in skill, build lasting confidence, and foster a strong sense of belonging. Through music, students are empowered to serve their school and community with pride and purpose.

The Youth will be selling **SSP Stock today** after worship to support their summer 2025 mission trip.

Class of 2025! High School Seniors, we want to celebrate your graduation! See the article in the newsletter and complete the Questionnaire and send it and your senior picture to Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) **today** to be included in the June 8th worship bulletin.

Sarah Circle will be gathering at Mary Archibald's home for a salad potluck dinner, meeting, and fellowship on **Thursday, June 5th at 6:00 pm.** Mary is a gifted artist and will be giving tours of her home's artwork. Salad and drinks will be provided (at shared cost). Callers will be contacting members to get a count. Carpooling is recommended. Please contact the church office for further information. **All women are welcome!**

Sarah Circle is collecting old, clean towels for the **San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.** Clean washcloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bathmats will be greatly appreciated. During the week, please drop off your donations in the Church Office. On Sundays, you can drop them off in Fellowship Hall at the north wall.

The Wednesday Book Club selection for May is **The Kitchen House.** June's book is "The Summer Guests." Join us at 11:30 a.m. in our new location, the church **Music Room!**

Adult Sunday School Class: Don Thorsen continues the series entitled **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Jesus (But Were Afraid to Ask)".** It is a study what Scripture has to say about Jesus, and why Christians sometimes prefer to think of Jesus differently than what is said in Scripture. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.**

The Church Office will close on Memorial Day and there will be no newsletter this week.

Summer Hawaiian wear and colorful attire will begin Sunday, June 8th! Join us in this fun Good Shepherd tradition of wearing Hawaiian (Aloha) or colorful clothing to worship during the summer months.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received, please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. to **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

Upcoming Events!

- June 1st - 80th Anniversary Celebration Sunday!
  with 10:00 am Worship (Heritage Communion Sunday), 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship, and for those who RSVP'd 12:30 pm Luncheon in Jordan Hall
- June 5th - Sarah Circle Gathering
- June 8th - Youth Musical - "Junction City" at 10:00 am Worship Service
- June 10th - Shepherds Fellowship
- June 13th - Children's Center Graduation
- June 28th – Mission Area BBQ at Shepherd of the Hills in Monterey Park (11:30am-2:30pm). More info will be provided in the June newsletters.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.