Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 15, 2023 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 the silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.

Prelude "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "Light of the World, We Hail Thee" William Walker

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 40) *David Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: We wait patiently for God, who lifts us up out of the pit and gives us a firm place to stand.

People: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of praise of God.

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; and when we do not become too proud.

People: We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have opened our eyes and our hearts.

People: We proclaim your saving acts and lift our voices in this great assembly!

***Opening Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Red UM Hymnal **#519**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

Anthem "Come, People of the Risen King" Getty
Carillon Ringers, Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Unison Prayer

Gracious God,
make me sensitive to all the evidences of your goodness;
and may I, trusting in you,
free myself of the terror of death,
and feel free to live intensely and happily
the life you have given me.

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 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 "Be Thou My Vision arr. Graham Godfrey
Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 49:1-7 *David Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

*John 1:29-37

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Wellspring of Wisdom" Red UM Hymnal **#506**

Sermon Message "Starting the Year With a Better Mind"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem Response "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Richard Walters
Kenneth Landaverde, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" Red UM Hymnal **#374**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red UM Hymnal **#431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Englert

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is now **$60** (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.

Your Pledges Matter! Our church ministries rely on the financial support from the congregation. Each financial gift is treasured and part of our commitment to the church. Thank you to those who have submitted your 2023 pledge card. For those who have not be able to do so, there is still time. Pastor Eva and Shepherds Flock volunteers will be checking in with individuals later in the month. We pray that 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and grow in faith!

Save the Date: January 29th (11:30-12:15) Forum on Finances – more details to come!

Church Administrator, Linda Doran Retires After 30 Years of Service!

Linda Doran has decided to retire after 30 years of dedicated service, as Church Administrator for Church of the Good Shepherd. She was hired by Pastor James Dallas in 1992. She has worked for and supported many clergy over the years including Rev. James Dallas, Rev. Dr. Phil Wood, Rev. George Hooper, Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin and numerous Associate Pastors. We are grateful for her friendship and devotion to our staff and members, as well. Her last day was Friday, January 13, 2023. We wish Linda health and happiness during this new chapter of her life.

SPRC will be hosting a Retirement Reception for Linda on February 5th after worship. Be sure to save the date. Notes of congratulations, gratitude, and well wishes would be welcomed at this event. If you are unable to attend, please mail them to her home.

Conference Welcomes New Bishop, Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank!

Bishop Escobedo-Frank has long served the church and community in progressive roles and responsibilities, including working with people on the street, founding a church Farmer's Market, working with immigrant populations, the opening of The Inn, and gathering a community rich in diversity. The Conference will hold an Installation Service for her on Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 pm at First UMC of Pasadena. Please contact Pastor Eva if you would like to attend.

Our newsletter, **The Word,** has a new Editor, Stephanie Shen. Please email any articles, announcements, or photos to her at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 p.m. Fridays for the next week's newsletter.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Siosaia Tuitahi
Pastor: 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.