Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 22, 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 "Meditation on How Great Thou Art" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Sunshine in My Soul" Eliza Hewitt and John Sweney

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 63) *Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader*

Leader: O God, you are our god; we earnestly seek you;

People: Our souls thirst for you; as in a dry and weary land.

Leader: So we look upon you in the sanctuary.

People: We behold your power and glory.

Leader: Our lips will speak of your greatness.

People: And we will lift up our hands in praise our whole lives through.

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Red UM Hymnal **#103**

Anthem "I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N" Traditional
Children's Choir, Diane Lucas, Director, Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Anthem "Abide With Me" arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

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.

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 9:1-4 *Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader*

*Matthew 4:12-23

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "It is Well with My Soul" Red UM Hymnal **#377**

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

Anthem Response "I Don't Need to Know" arr. Daniel Nahmod
Garrison Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Red UM Hymnal **#66**

***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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jordan

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The congregation standing, if able.

Chancel flowers this morning are given in memory of Bob Graham by his family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

2023 Altar Flowers 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 Matters! 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!

Finance Committee Sponsors Forum The first of a new series of Forum presentations begins, Sunday, **January 29th** after worship (11:30 to 12:15). This is in honor of John and June Fee, who organized the original Forums. Plan on attending this informative program highlighting details of the results of our financial survey taken last year.

2022 Contribution Letters were emailed out to those with email addresses on file or mailed to homes of those who do not have an email address. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Retirement Reception for Church Administrator, Linda Doran!
SPRC will be hosting a Retirement Reception for Linda Doran 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
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.

The **Memorial Service** for Martha McNall will be held this Tuesday, January 24th at 11:00 am at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena. Pastor Eva will preside over the service.

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.

For **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at **cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com** and please allow time for response as we are working on improving the church calendar system.

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.