Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 29, 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 "Give Me Jesus" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Morning Alleluia" J.L. Clark
Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*

One: Quiet your mind, still your restlessness.

Many: Let us prepare ourselves for worship,, and come before God.

One: Warm your heart, stir up your spirit.

Many: Let us center ourselves in his love, and come before God.

One: Open your eyes, see the smiles of your neighbors.

Many: Let us fall into step with each other this morning, and come before God.

***Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" Red UM Hymnal **#145**

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

Anthem "Foundation" arr. Thompson
Youth Bell Choir, Carolyn Noonchester, 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 Psalm 15 *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*

*Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word Is a Lamp" Red UM Hymnal **#601**

Sermon Message "Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Cantate Hodie" Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Jesu, Jesu" Red UM Hymnal **#432**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.

May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each onne.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.

A-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes

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.

2023 Altar Flowers Sign up for altar flowers by entering your information in the flower chart in the narthex, or calling the church office, 626-447-2181. A reminder that 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 and the Sunday bulletin. After 10:00 a.m. you may take your flowers home with you after worship, 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! Thank you to all who have submitted their pledges for 2023. Church ministries depend upon the financial support from the congregation. For those who have not yet been able to do so, there is still time. We pray that 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and grow in faith!

Forum Financial Presentation Today from 11:30-12:15! The Finance Committee is hosting the first in a series of talks on finance. Today's Forum highlights results of the congregation survey taken last year. Refreshments will be served.

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 today, 3:00 pm at First UMC of Pasadena. Please contact Pastor Eva if you would like to attend.

Shepherds' February meeting on February 14th will have a program by CGS member, Billie Tone, who will speak to us about the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. There will be a catered dinner for which the cost will be $25.00. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Dave Raymond at dlraymond66@gmail.com or text to 626-260-3068 by Friday, February 10th. Checks for the dinner should be made out to Shepherds and given to Dave or John Kenan by Sunday, February 12th.

Have a Heart Sunday Reminder
Remember to bring your food donations for the P.C.C. Lancer Pantry to church on Sunday, February 12th, or drop them by the church office during the week.

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.