Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
18th Sunday after Pentecost
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, October 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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 "Prelude in Eb Major" by Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Cry Out and Shout" by Knut Nystedt
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 65) *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*

Leader: O God, we lift our praises to you this day.
People: For the goodness of your house and your holy temple.

Leader: O God, you are the source of our salvation and hope.
People: Your awesome deeds answer us with deliverance.

Leader: O God, your strength has established and ordered this world.
People: And your people and all of creation shout and sing together for joy.
All: Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "When in Our Music God is Glorified" Red Hymnal **#68**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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 "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" by Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 65:5-13 *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Breathe on Me Breath of God" Red Hymnal **#420**

Sermon "Generosity: The Nature of God" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "More cičo reče da me ženi" *Michel Von Loh, Guitar*
traditional Macedonian folksong arranged by Miroslav Tadić

Generosity Moment *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" Red Hymnal **#336**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "O Breath of Life" Red Hymnal **#543**

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us.
Revive your Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us.
And fit your Church to meet this hour.
O Breath of Love, come breathe within us.
Renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us.
Revive your Church in every part.

***Postlude** "In Christ There is No East or West" arr. Martin

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

The Finance Forum on financial planning for the future is today at 12:00 noon with lunch.

All Church Luncheon is next October 19th at 12:00 noon. Sarah Circle/UWF is hosting the luncheon with guest speaker Matthew Heyn, director of the Chaplaincy program at USC Arcadia Hospital. Lunch will be from The Corner Bakery. Cost is $20. Reserve your spot for this program after worship today.

Children's Center Dine-Out at BJ's Restaurant is this Wednesday, October 15th (4:00 - 9:00pm). For Dine-In, Take-Out or Curbside. 400 E. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Please present the insert flyer to your server or at pick up or 6-digit fundraiser code (OCT590) for online orders. Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd Children's Center fundraisers.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING SOON! Friday, October 31st (6:30 - 8:00pm). Many ways to participate, including decorating your car and handing out treats from your trunk, as well as donating candy for others to hand out. There will be a table for donations in the Hall or bring them to the church office during the week. Contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or (626) 446-7860. Spread the word to your family, friend and neighbors for the safe and fun time.

Grief Support Group meets Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the AEC room. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join. Email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested. Please park on Holly Ave. lot.

"Come to the Table" is the new ministry coming this Fall! It will consist of Small Groups of 7-8 people meeting once a month from October to June. Folks will gather at a host home and share fellowship, food and prayer. Childcare will be provided. Contact Pastor Eva (pastoreva@cgsum.org or 626-447-2181) to see group dates and to sign up for a group.

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. Please call or email the church with the name of your loved one you would like to be recognized in worship during the reading of those who have passed away this past year.

Youth Cabaret is coming with 2 shows (5:00pm & 7:00pm) on November 2nd - save the date!

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff.

Sundays at Good Shepherd

- 8:30 a.m. or TBD Chancel Choir
- 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship for all in the Hall after worship
- 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir, Youth Bells Choir
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Choir

We also offer luncheons, meetings, and new member info sessions on various Sundays. Please visit the church website or scan the QR code for more info about events, ministries, online giving, and ways to contact the church staff or office.

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

Mission Statement: 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.