Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
19th Sunday after Pentecost
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, October 19, 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 "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles
Franklyn Shen

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 19 by J. Shrowder) *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God,
People: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.
Leader: Come into this holy place to worship God,
People: whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear.
Leader: Come to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.
People: Let **the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to God's will. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** "God is Here" Red Hymnal **#660**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "Echo March" by Linda Lamb
Carillon Ringers; 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.

Anthem "Unity" by Glorraine Moon
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 19:7-10 *Ken Blair Lay Reader*
Acts 4:32-37
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Your Love, O God" Red Hymnal **#120**

Sermon "The Grace of Giving: The Discipline of Discipleship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Will There Really Be a Morning" arr. Craig Hella Johnson
Amarie Velarde & Zora Kuzma

Generosity Moment *Linda Brown, Good Shepherd Children's Center Director*

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Ye Servants of God" Red Hymnal **#181**

***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 "Worthy of Worship" Lyrics by T. York, Music by M. Blankenship

Franklyn Shen

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

All Church Luncheon is today 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.

The Book Group has begun their new selection, *The Covenant of Water*. Join them for the discussions on **Wednesdays in the Library at 11:30 am.** (Use Holly parking lot for easy access.)

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.

New Members Orientation offered October 26th and November 2nd. Contact Pastor Eva for more info and to sign up at (626) 447-2181 or pastoreva@cgsum.org. We will be receiving new members during the **November 16th** worship service.

Coming Soon! ANNUAL CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE, Sundays, November 2nd and 9th on the patio after church. Shop for unique handmade items. All proceeds go to designated missions and charities.

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: Kaleidoscope! is coming with 2 shows (5:00pm & 7:00pm) on November 2nd – pick a showtime and save the date! Offering will go to support Sierra Service Project.

Commitment Sunday is November 16th with **blessing of the 2026 pledge cards,** followed by **lunch in the hall.**

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.

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

The altar flowers this morning are in memory of Helen Sansui, her birthday October 16th, by Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan.

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.