Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Welcome Sunday
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 2022 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.

Prelude "Andante in Eb major" arr. Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organist

The Chimes

Introit "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Dan Bird

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Diane Lucas, Lay Reader*

One: Welcome, now is the time to worship Him!
Many: We lift up our hearts and clap our hands!
One: Come, shout praises and sing joyfully to God.
Many: For He is ruler over all of the earth.
One: Come, see the world from God's point of view,
Many: for in him the victory has already been won, and all that troubles can be overcome.
One: So lift God higher and exalt Him in your every moment.
Many: And joyfully sing our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer's praise!

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Red UM Hymnal **#57**

The Word for Children **Children Are Invited to Come Sit in the Front*

Anthem "A Hymn of Praise to the Creator" Eric Thiman
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Psalm 47 *Diane Lucas, Lay Reader*
*John 16:16-24
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 UM Hymnal **#420**

Sermon Message "The Joy of Generosity" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Irish Melody
Tenor and Bass Section Leaders

Reception of New Members Red UM Hymnal **Page 47**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn of Invitation** "I Come With Joy" Red UM Hymnal **#617**

The Invitation: May the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We Lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Preparation

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 22:14-20

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the prepackaged elements that should be eaten in the courtyard after worship

The Prayer After Receiving and the Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We Are the Church" Red UM Hymnal **#558**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 Improvisation on "Azmon" arr. Wagner

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given:

In memory of **Art Leatherman** by family.

In honor of **Pastor Eva** from the congregation.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Today's Coffee Fellowship refreshments are provided by the John Goodno Memorial Fund.

Welcome! After the Worship service this morning please stay for Fellowship Hour, Coffee and Snacks, Children's Activities, Ministry Fair and more!

Reminder to all: Please continue to check in before worship and wear masks while indoors. Masks are currently recommended here at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Today is World Communion Sunday which is one of the six special United Methodist offering days throughout the year. Envelopes to give to this churchwide offering may be found in the Narthex and near the offering box. Your generous donations help provide scholarships for scholars to become leaders.

Free Flu Shots! Health Ministries, through the Spiritual Care Department of the USC Arcadia Hospital, will offer free **regular** dose flu vaccines on **Sunday, October 9, in the Lounge, 9:30 to 12:30.** Sign up at the Health Ministries table after church on this morning, or through the church office 1(626)447-2181. For our seniors, the stronger **high dose** flu vaccine is highly recommended & will not be offered on October 9. It is offered at local pharmacies & your MD's office. For ease of administration, please wear a short-sleeved top. You do not need to be a member of Church of the Good Shepherd to receive the vaccine.

The Offering Box is located in the narthex as you enter or exit the Sanctuary. All are welcome to place their Sunday offering and tithes in this box. As well as special offering envelops.

The Good Shepherd Children's Center will be having their "Back to School" Event on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 5-8 pm. Come help celebrate their 50th Year Anniversary!

The ROI Fellowship group will be meeting on Sunday, October 9, in the church Library after church for some fellowship, a meal, and a fun craft activity. Ann will be putting the craft activity together and we'll circulate a meal order for those interested in purchasing lunch. As usual, if you prefer, you are welcome to bring your own meal. It will be fun to see everyone at the end of a long hot summer and to catch-up. We'll send more details soon. In the meantime, pencil this into your calendar and come ready to share your summer stories, trips and adventures with the group.

Many thanks to all those who have already signed up for **Trunk or Treat**. We have a great group and will have a lot of fun entertaining the children in our area. Of course, we can use more people, so if you would like to join our spirited event on Halloween night, Monday, October 31, call Lynne or Vern Whitaker (626-446-7860).

Shepherds Fellowship Group is meeting here at the church at 6:00 p.m. on October 11, in Jordan Hall. Bring your own dinner, water will be provided. The speaker is our own Mike Hoover on "Everything you want to know about water." All are welcome.

The Good Shepherd Children Center is having a fundraiser at Matt Denny's on **Thursday, October 13, all day**. Flyers are available in the Narthex and in the church office.

Fill the Bowl Project is part of The Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the county donate food to local food pantries and other programs that help fight hunger. Pets are a vital part of our community, but are often overlooked in times of need. Through the Fill the Bowl Project, faith communities can help by collecting new, unopened cans and bags of pet food (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, etc). One simple donation provides food for a pet and peace of mind for an owner. Donations will be collected from October 1 to November 6, 2022. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office.

Fall 2022 Covid-19 boosters are available here at Good Shepherd of Wednesday, October 12. RSVP to 626-447-1249.

Please remember the Church in your will.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
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.