Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 23, 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 Prelude on "Sicilian Mariners Tune" arr. Gordon Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Make A Joyful Noise" arr. J. L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*

One: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Many: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

One: The Holy One knows us and sustains us in our moments of confusion and doubt.

Many: We are like clay in the hand of the potter.

One: We are shaped into vessels of divine will.

Many: And we gather together joyfully today.

***Opening Hymn** "We Gather Together" Red UM Hymnal **#131**

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

Anthem "Ring Praise, Little Bells" by Hollander
Youth Bells; 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 139:13-18 *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*
*Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Seek Ye First" Red UM Hymnal **#405**

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

Anthem Response "Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John" arr. Donald P. Moore
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" Red UM Hymnal **#87**

***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 one.
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. A—men.

Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook, Director of Music, Organ

The congregation standing, if able.

The Chancel Flowers this morning are:

*In loving memory of **Dan Place** in remembrance of his October 24th birthday by his family.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please continue to sign-in before worship. Masks are recommended inside. And, a reminder for everyone to wear their name tags and return them after worship to the basket by the exit.

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.

There is a Craft Boutique on the patio outside of Jordan Hall this morning. Don't miss all the beautiful, handmade items for sale. In addition to craft items, there will be coffee and cookies to purchase as a part of the fundraiser!

The church needs a **Coffee Fellowship Coordinator** (or a team of 2 persons) to organize Sunday Coffee Fellowship Time. This includes scheduling groups or volunteers to serve the refreshments each Sunday, keeping track of and buying supplies, and decorating the refreshment table for special occasions. The Coordinator does not need to be at church every Sunday. Please contact Pastor Eva at chu3rch (626) 447-2181 if you would like to help.

Annual Charge Conference Meeting with the District Superintendent's Charge Pastor will be on **Saturday, November 5th at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom**. Pastor Eva will email committee chairs the required forms that need to be completed.

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.

USC-Arcadia Hospital is offering a "no charge" class on Diabetes Education and Management. There is a **virtual class November 1 (part 1) and November 8 (part 2). Also, a 1-day class in person 10 AM - noon on Tuesday, October 25 and Tuesday, November 22**. Join to learn more about diabetes, exercise, nutrition, and healthy habits. For questions or to register for the in person class, contact Victoria Buxton-Pacheco, MS, RD at 1(626)898-8788 or email her at Victoria.BuxtonPacheco@med.usc.edu. To register for the virtual class, find the "Events Calendar" button on the first page of uscarcadiahospital.org. ***--Health Ministries***

Halloween is quickly approaching and not only will we have our usual **Trunk or Treat** event in our parking lot, we will also be showing a **puppet show at 7:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate in on or all of these ways: 1) spread the word! 2) come with your kids, grandkids, neighbors, friends, etc. 3) come with your car as dressed up or as simple as you want it to be to pass our candy or trinkets to the kids. This fun event is **Monday, October 31, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please call or email **Lynne and Vern Whitaker** if you'd like to do the latter so they can add your car to the line-up: vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or 626-446-7860. If you can't make it to Trunk or Treat, consider bringing in individually wrapped candy or other little goodies for us to handout to the children.

The 2023 Stewardship packets have been mailed out. Please return your pledge card in the envelope provided anytime by mail or drop off to the church mailbox. You may also bring it in person on Sunday and place it in the offering box located in the narthex. On **Pledge Commitment Sunday, November 13th**, the pledge cards will be lifted up in prayer and thanksgiving! Please contact the church office if you did not receive your Stewardship packet. Also, extra copies will be available in the narthex.

Mark your calendars now for the SSP Cabaret to be held November 6, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Jordan Hall!

In addition to raising funds for Sierra Service Project at the Nov. 6th SSP Cabaret, the youth will be participating in **"Operation Christmas Child"** and packing 100 shoeboxes to send to children in need around the world. The boxes will be shipped the week of Nov. 11-14th and cost $10.00 each to ship. We are asking for $10 donations for shipping and donations of personal care items (combs, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, and colorful bandages) or school supplies (pencils, erasers, crayons markers, or glue sticks). For more information and to make a donation, please see the youth in the courtyard after church! Thank you!

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.