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Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

22nd Sunday After Pentecost and Receiving of New Members
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

October 25, 2026 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 "The Lakes" by T. Swift & J. Antonoff , arr. Morgan Alm
Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "Open" by Judith Silver
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (*based on Psalm 85)* *Isabelle Chan, Lay Reader*

Leader: Peace giving God, you bless us with your unfailing love.
People: We come to celebrate your presence in our lives.

Leader: Generous God, you forgive us when we have done wrong.
People: We come to rejoice in your mercy towards us.

Leader: Holy God, you pour your blessings upon us.
People: We come to honor all that you have given us.

Leader: Glorious God, in your glory, our live are enriched.
People: We come to worship and praise you always!

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**57**

Children's Message *Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

**The congregation standing, if able*

Anthem "More Precious Than Silver" arr. Hollander
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Receiving of New Members *Please see insert.*

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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand" arr. Kirby Shaw
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Scripture Lesson *Isabelle Chan, Lay Reader*

Psalm 85:8-13

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "On Eagle's Wings" Red UM Hymnal #**143**

Sermon "Thrive: Prayers & Clarity" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "We Are the Church" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**558**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" by 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 "If I Didn't Have You" by Randy Newman

Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Dan Place by his family and in celebration of Pearl Flores's birthday today, by her family.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

LAST DAY for Fall Crafters' Boutique!!! Holiday gifts, artwork, crocheted and sewn décor.

Today we have Fall Potluck Lunch Fellowship and Annual Stewardship Campaign Kickoff! Join us in the Hall for **a S.A.D. Potluck!** The happiest S.A.D. (salads, appetizers, desserts) fellowship meal.

PLUS three Forum options are offered. **(1) At 11:45 am in the Music Room is a special Children's Choir Open House** and practice for kids and parents**. (2) Next at 12 noon is a presentation by a representative of the League of Women Voters on the 2026 Propositions.** This organization reviews the propositions in depth and the pros and cons of each. Great source to help you with your decisions. **(3) Also at 12 noon in the bike yard is Fresh Expressions –** a fishbowl discussion on new church ideas.

Save the date! Saturday, October 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm is our annual Trunk or Treat event! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come for a fun, safe celebration of Halloween. One way to participate is by parking in our line-up in the west parking lot, decorating your vehicle and handing out treats to the trick-or-treaters. It's not too early to reserve your space. Spread the word! Contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to volunteer at the CGS welcome table, please contact Pastor Eva via eamail: pastoreva@cgsum.org.

Next Sunday, November 1st, is TIME CHANGE SUNDAY! Set your clocks **back one hour** and look for the UWF ladies with **Yellow Buckets and drop in your change!**

All Saint's Sunday - On November 1st we remember loved ones who passed away in the last year. If you would like to have your loved one recognized in worship, please submit their name to the church office or pastor by October 28th.

The 27th Annual SSP Cabaret is coming! This year's inspiring production by CGS Youth Choir and UMYF focuses on the theme of time and travel. Show times will be **5:00 and 7:00 pm, Sunday, November 8th.** Invite your friends, family and neighbors, too.

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. In-depth studies and teaching from the Bible presented by some of our CGS lay leaders.

Crafters meets every **Wednesday afternoon** from **2-4:00 pm in the church Library.** Bring your skills and projects and fellowship together.

The newsletter is now published every two weeks. Upcoming dates are: November 2nd and 16th; and December 1st and 14th.

Altar flower arrangements are available in celebration of or in memory of a special person or event and may be ordered through the church office (626-447-2181) or via email to swright@cgsum.org. The cost is $65.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. to **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

Upcoming Church Events!

- Oct. 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat (Saturday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)
- Nov. 1st - All Saint's Sunday
- Nov. 8th - SSP Cabaret (5:00 and 7:00 pm)

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

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.