Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, October 26, 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 "The Boy Paganini- Fantasia" by Edward Mollenhauer
Isabelle Chan, Violin

Chimes

Introit "Come, Now Is The Time to Worship" by Brian Doerksen
Youth Choir: Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 57). *Hannah Ng, Lay Reader*

Leader: We exalt you, O God, above all the heavens.
People: May your glory shine over all the earth.

Leader: Our hearts are steadfast, O God, for you are our rock.
People: May we sing a melody and give thanks to you!

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, among the peoples.
People: **May your faithfulness extend over us always.**

***Opening Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" Black Hymnal **#2008**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "I Can Do All Things" by Burrows
Children's Choir: Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Anthem "Tall Walls – Fall" arr. Waldrop
Youth Bells: Carolyn Noonchester, Director; Diane Lucas, Reader

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 "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. Roger Emerson
Youth Choir: Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lesson Psalm 57:5-11 *Hannah Ng, Lay Reader*
Acts 20:32-38

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" Black Hymnal **#2128**

Sermon "The Grace of Giving: The Caring Community" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Generosity Moment Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "The Summons" Black Hymnal **#2130**

***Benediction**

***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 "Golden" by Huntr/X, Ejae, Nuna, & Ami
Morgan Noonchester & Aisha Syed -Vocals, Isabelle Chan -Violin, William Shen -Guitar

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Dan Place by his family in remembrance of his October 24th birthday.

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, 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.

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

New Members Orientation class meets today (11:30-12:30) in the library. Another class is offered next Sunday, November 2nd. Contact Pastor Eva for more info and sign up at (626) 447-2181 or pastoreva@cgsum.org. We will be receiving new members during the **November 16th** worship service.

TRUNK OR TREAT is this Friday, October 31st (6:30 - 8:00pm). Thank you to all who signed up to participate with their car and treats! There will be a table for donations in the Hall or bring them to the church office during the week. And please see Pastor Eva if you would like to help pass out candy at the church info booth. Spread the word to your family, friend and neighbors for the safe and fun time.

ANNUAL CRAFTERS' BOUTIQUE will be next Sunday, 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 next Sunday, November 2nd. Please call or email the church with the name of your loved one to be recognized in the worship 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, receiving of new members, and a luncheon in the hall. Please RSVP to the church office or Pastor Eva for the lunch.

"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 November 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.

YES Gospel! The CSArts Student's Vocal Arts Showcase produced by Kirk Averitt is Thursday, Oct. 30th at the Duarte Performing Arts Center: 1401 Highland Ave, Duarte, CA. Tickets (Adults $25/Students $10) via https://boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net or by searching "CSArts Box Office" online.

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

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