Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage and World Communion Sunday

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, October 5, 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 "Sonata in F Major (Mvt. 1)" by Franz Joseph Haydn
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "O Savior, Precious Savior" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

Leader: We gather to worship, celebrating the boundless love of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Who shines as the radiance of God's glory.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, we lift our voices in praise.
People: Praising God every day for His power and mercy.

Leader: Today we join with Christians from every corner of the world.
People: We give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, as we celebrate the bread and cup he shared with the world.
All: Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "O God of Every Nation" Red UM Hymnal **#435**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and help us to live into the hope of your calling. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" by Will Todd
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson Psalm 23 *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*
*John 10:11-18
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Close to Thee" Red UM Hymnal **#407**

Sermon "Autumn Brings Healing: Jesus the Good Shepherd" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Be Still" by Lucile Gray
Stephenson Holder, Soloist

***Offertory Prayer & Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red UM Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Musical Setting E" Red UM Hymnal Pgs. **24-25**

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine" Red UM Hymnal **#606**

***Benediction**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

The Finance Forum on financial planning for the future is next Sunday, October 12th at 12:00 noon in the Hall. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org).

All Church Luncheon is October 19th 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. Lunch will be from The Corner Bakery. Cost is $20. Reserve your spot for this program after worship today and next Sunday, October 12th.

UWF Fundraiser at Panera this Thursday, October 9th (4:00 - 8:00 p.m.)- see insert.

Children's Center Dine-Out at BJ's Restaurant on October 15th (4:00 - 9:00pm). For Dine-In, Take-Out or Curbside. 400 E. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Please present the newsletter flyer to your server or at pick up or 6-digit fundraiser code (OCT590) for online orders. Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd Children's Center fundraisers.

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING SOON! Friday, October 31st (6:30 - 8:00 pm). 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.

Grief Support Group meets Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm 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.

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red UM Hymnal **#431**

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

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.

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.

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