Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
24th Sunday after Pentecost
and Veterans Day Recognition

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 8, 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 "Variations on 'Ash Grove'" by Helvey
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Be Still My Soul" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Carolyn Noonchester, Conductor

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: Today, O God, we remember all those who have served under their country.
People: We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

Leader: Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.
People: Give comfort and encouragement to their families.

Leader: We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of God.
People: Help us, O God, to live in that hope with your spirit of love and forgiveness.

***Opening Hymn** "God of the Ages" Red UM Hymnal #**698**
The congregation standing, if able.

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

Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Oh, God, our heavenly Father, You have blessed us with brave men and women who are willing to defend our freedom. May Your protection and grace surround them each day. Let Your healing hand be upon those who suffer wounds and injuries. May those who have made the ultimate sacrifice rest forever in Your Holy Presence. Help us to honor and support them. Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made on behalf of our country by our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and friends.

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 "The Glory of His Promises" arr. Phillip Kern
Chancel Choir; Carolyn Noonchester, Conductor

Scripture Lesson Psalm 36:5-9 *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day" Red UM Hymnal **#411**

Sermon "Thrive: Gifts and Abundance" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Cabaret Preview "Time after Time" by Cyndi Lauper and Rob Hyman
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Onward Christian Soldiers" Red UM Hymnal #**575**

Benediction *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "Walk with Me" TFWS#**2242**

Refrain **Walk with me, I will walk with you,**
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

v. 4 - **And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,**
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

Repeat Refrain

Postlude "Make a Joyful Noise" by Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are in honor of Church of the Good Shepherd Veterans and those serving our country in the military. Please see insert.

And also today there are flowers in celebration of Craig Lucas's birthday given by Diane, Addie and Ellie.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Blessing of the Animals today. It will be under the sanctuary portico from **3:00 to 4:00 pm.** Bring your pet/s for this special blessing. Remember to keep them on leash or in a carrier.

The 27th Annual SSP Cabaret is TONIGHT! Performances at 5:00 and 7:00 pm. ***The World Keeps Spinning . . .*** is this year's inspiring production by CGS Youth Choir and UMYF. Come join them for an evening of music, dance and song. They are set to explore time and travel around the world and discover that the hand of God is steady, guiding the universe. Invite your friends, family and neighbors, too.

Our youth are participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. If you'd like to fill a shoebox, you can pick one up after today's service. Please return your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, November 22. We'll take the boxes to the distribution center that afternoon. Thank you for helping our youth with this project!

Crafters/United Women in Faith thanks everyone who bought items at our Craft Boutique on Sunday, October 18 and Sunday, October 25. Because of your participation in our annual boutique, we will be able to donate $2,146.72, total, to missions and charities. Thanks again, for your generous support.

Sarah Circle/United Women in Faith thank everyone who contributed to our collection for UMCOR Disaster Relief on Sunday, November 1. Thanks to your generosity, we will be donating $262.51 to UMCOR.

The Retirement Luncheon celebrating **Linda Brown's** many years of caring leadership and service as Children's Center Director is being held next **Sunday, November 15th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.** RSVP to Kerri at 626-705-4078. Cost $10. See The Word for invitation.

Children's Choir's new director, Isabella Arce-De La Vega has begun rehearsals in the music room Sundays from 11:15-11:45 am for children in 2nd through 5th grade!

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. In-depth studies and teachings from the Bible are 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 published every two weeks. Upcoming issues are November 16th, 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

- November 8th - Blessing of the Animals (3:00 to 4:00 pm) and SSP Cabaret (5:00 and 7:00 pm)
- November 15th - Linda Brown's Retirement Celebration
- November 22nd - Deck the Halls – volunteers needed following worship to help decorate the campus for Advent!
- November 23rd - Thanksgiving Chapel Service (7:30 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: Cindy Ostry

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.