Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
and Pledge Commitment Sunday
"The Grace of Giving" Stewardship Sundays

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, November 16, 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 "All Creatures of Our God and King" by Sewel
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Amazing Grace" arr. Ovid Young
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from. Rev. Rogers UMC Discipleship 2014 Stewardship Liturgy)
Craig Lucas, Lay Reader

Leader: Generous God of all provision, we bring to you this day our gifts of traditional tithe.
People: May our material giving reflect not our bounty, but yours, O God.
Leader: Creator God, who lovingly crafted each of us, we bring to you this day our gifts of talent.
People: May our creativity glorify your Spirit, O God.
Leader: Merciful God, Alpha and Omega, we bring to you this day our gifts of time.
People: May we live as your people in every place, in every moment, from this day until eternity.

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Bringing Forth of Commitment Pledges

***The Gloria Patri** (Unison) Red UM Hymnal #**70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Receiving New Members **(***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 "Thanksgiving" by John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*
*Mark 6:30-44
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Take My Life, and Let It Be Red UM Hymnal **#399**

Sermon "The Grace of Giving: Becoming Innkeepers" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "All Good Gifts" *(from Godspell)*
Music by Stephen Schwartz; Lyrics by Matthias Claudius & Jane M. Campbell
Susan Holder and Garrison Holder

Generosity Moment *Children's Ministry, Cindy Ostry*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "The Voice of God is Calling" Red UM Hymnal #**436**

Benediction

Response "O Breath of Life" Red Hymnal **#543**
O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us.
Revive your Church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us.

And fit your Church to meet this hour.
O Breath of Love, come breathe within us.
Renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us.
Revive your Church in every part.

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Sandra Gay
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Altar flowers this morning are given in memory of Dean Sansui's birthday (November 16th) by Maria, Ruemruk, and Dylan. And in memory of Florence Kovacic on her birthday by Gary and Barb Kovacic and her loving family.

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Commitment Sunday Luncheon will begin immediately after worship. Please go directly into the Hall and get your drink and pastry before taking a seat at any of the tables.

THANK YOU! United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle thanks everyone who contributed to the Yellow Buckets on Time Change Sunday. Thanks to your generosity, we collected $366.66 which United Women in Faith rounded up to contribute $400 to the Chaplaincy program of the Spiritual Care Department at USC Arcadia Hospital. - *Sandra Jelinek, UWIF/Sarah Circle*

Festival of the Bands is on **Saturday, November 22nd.** Be aware that Duarte Road and nearby streets will be blocked off.

Deck the Halls is Sunday, November 23rd after worship. Help decorate and prepare the Sanctuary for Advent!

Thanksgiving Chapel Service will be **Monday, November 24th at 7:00 pm.**

The church office will be closed from noon Wednesday, November 26th through the 28th for Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

Save the Date!

November 23rd - Deck the Halls at 11:30 am
November 24th Thanksgiving Chapel Service at 7:00 pm
December 7th - Hanging of the Greens Service
December 14th - Chancel Choir's Lessons and Carols Service
December 21st - Trek to the Tree Service
December 24th - Christmas Eve Services (5:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm)
December 28th - Christmas Carols Hymn Sing Service

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 Bro

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.