Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.
Please "Check In" on social media, then set all electronic devices to the silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.

Prelude "Andante" William Selby
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Instruments of Peace" arr. Averitt

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
People: that God so loves the world.

Leader: We are called to bring a new hope in God:
People: that God gives us new life.

Leader: We are called to follow the commandments of God:
People: that we love God and one another.

All: And may our love be shown as we worship God and follow Jesus!

***Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Red UM Hymnal **#139**

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

Unison Prayer

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

Anthem "The Pure in Heart " Patrick Hawes
Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Psalm 112:1-6 *Margaret Blair, Lay Reader*
*Matthew 5:13-20
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "O Breath of Life" Red UM Hymnal **#543**

Sermon Message "Sermon on the Mount: Salt and Light" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Salt and Light" Daigle, Jordan, Mabury
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist

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Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the prepackaged elements that should be eaten in the courtyard after worship.

The Prayer After Receiving and the Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

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** "Go, Make of All Disciples" Red UM Hymnal **#571**

***Benediction**

***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 "Trumpet Dialogue Recessional" *Alice Jordan*
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Akira Dean Sansui by his family.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

The Memorial Service for Akira Dean Sansui will be held **on Friday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary with a reception in Jordan Hall following the service. Let us keep his family in our prayers.

2023 Altar Flowers Sign up for altar flowers by entering your information in the flower chart in the narthex, or calling the church office, 626-447-2181. A reminder that the cost of the flowers is now **$60** (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday and the Sunday bulletin. After 10:00 a.m. you may take your flowers home with you after worship, or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.

Your Pledges Matter! Thank you to all who have submitted their pledges for 2023. Church ministries depend upon the financial support from the congregation. For those who have not yet been able to do so, there is still time. We pray that 2023 will be a blessed year as we commit financially to the church together and grow in faith!

Shepherds' February meeting on February 14th will have a program by CGS member, Billie Tone, who will speak to us about the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. There will be a catered dinner for which the cost will be $25.00. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Dave Raymond at dlraymond66@gmail.com or text to 626-260-3068 by Friday, February 10th. Checks for the dinner should be made out to Shepherds and given to Dave or John Kenan by Sunday, February 12th.

Have a Heart Sunday Reminder
Remember to bring your food donations for the P.C.C. Lancer Pantry to church on Sunday, February 12th, or drop them by the church office during the week.
2022 Contribution Letters were emailed out to those with email addresses on file or mailed to homes of those who do not have an email address. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

The Finance Committee's next **Fee Forum** presentation will be on **February 21st at 11:00 am and come to us via ZOOM.** The subject is Cyber Security. Details will be announced. See Natalie Poole to sign up.

Our newsletter, **The Word,** has a new Editor, Stephanie Shen. Please email any articles, announcements, or photos to her at **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com** by 3:00 p.m. Fridays for the next week's newsletter.

For **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at **cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com** and please allow time for response as we are working on improving the church calendar system.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Siosaia Tuitahi
Pastor: 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

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
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.