Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 19, 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 "Day By Day" arr. Porter
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Lead Kindly, Light" by J.B. Dykes

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 99) *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

People: we are called to be God's people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

People: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

***Opening Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" vs. 1-4 Red UM Hymnal #**79**

Anthem "God is Calling Us" by Sleeth
Children's Choir, Diane Lucas, Director, and Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Transfiguration Prayer Red UM Hymnal #**259**

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with them in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

The 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 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" by Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Psalm 99 *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

*Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Wonderful Words of Life" Red UM Hymnal #**600**

Sermon Message "To Live Inside Out: Jesus's Identity Revealed "
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem Response "Slow Down" by Chuck Girard
Sue Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" Red UM Hymnal #**258**

***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 "Dialogue" Adriano Banchieri

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of my Mom and Sis by Suzanne Wright, and in memory of Richard Lee Collar by his family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Cybersecurity Presentation Offered Online February 21st
Continuing the tradition begun with John and June Fee, the Finance Committee is offering this topical presentation by Merrill Lynch. It will air online at **11:00 am Tuesday, February 21st**. Please RSVP to Natalie Poole (napoole@earthlink.net) and a secure link allowing you to attend will be emailed to you.

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd
For prayers and the receiving of Ashes, the Chapel will be open from 8:00-9:30 am and also 5:30-7:00 pm. Forty-six days before Easter Sunday begins 40-day season of Lent. This is the season of repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration of the Resurrection. We focus on Christ's time in the wilderness, where he fasted, prayed, and reflected.

The Importance of Self-Check: A Virtual Educational Lecture
Become more pro-active about your health. On **February 22nd at 12:30** pm, Huntington Health is offering this informative talk given by Derek Cheung, MD Learn about early disease detection techniques, increase the odds of avoiding chronic disease. Presented via Zoom. The lecture will last about one hour and include time for questions. Free. There is also a call-in option available. Register in advance either online (**huntingtonhealth.org**) or call the membership line at **(626) 397-3147.**

Thank you from Sarah Circle and United Women in Faith for your donations of food on **Have a Heart Sunday.** We collected over 200 items for the **Lancer Food Pantry** at Pasadena City College which aids students in need.

Save the Date: Innovation & Communications – Sunday, February 26th after Worship
Come to the Lounge for a discussion on ideas, events, communication, and more. Details to be announced soon.

Best Wishes to Jeff Doran, Church Custodian and Sunday worship Tech
Jeff Doran will be leaving his church position to spend time with his wife, newborn daughter, and children in the Philippines. Let us wish him congratulations on his daughter's baptism that will take place when he is there, and also keep him and his family in our prayers as they will be working on future plans. SPRC hopes to host an Appreciation event for him in the Summer when he is back in Arcadia and before he needs to return to the Philippines.

Save the Date: Avenue of the Churches Walk – April 15th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
It's a walking fundraiser for **Family Promise.** Registration is $25 per person and includes a bib, food, water, and opportunity drawings for donated items from local businesses.

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.