Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday in Lent
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, February 22, 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 "Say You Won't Let Go" James Arthur
William Shen, Guitar

Chimes

Introit "Open" Judith Silver
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Hannah Ng and Nicholas Ng, Lay Readers*

Leader: God, we come before you in this Season of Lent.
People: Together we journey with Jesus from the wilderness to the temples.
Leader: God, we praise your holy name.
People: Together we lift you up in word and song.
Leader: God, we let go of our fears and doubts.
People: Together we hold onto our trust in you.
Leader: God, we will remember, repent, and reflect.
People: Together we walk in the Light of Jesus Christ.

***Opening Hymn** "We Walk by Faith" TFWS Songbook #**2196**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "O, Sing to the Lord" arr. Lamb
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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.

Scripture Lesson *Hannah Ng and Nicholas Ng, Lay Readers*
*John 8:12-20
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS Songbook **#2158**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Need the Light" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem "In His Time" Diane Ball
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Grace Alone" TFWS Songbook #**2162**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;

God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

Postlude "How Far I'll Go" Lin-Manuel Miranda

Morgan Noonchester, Soloist; William Shen, Guitar

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Name Tags in worship! They are a great way to foster hospitality and fellowship. So be sure to get a name tag from the entryway table as you enter worship each Sunday.

It's not too late to turn in your **2026 Pledge.** Contact the office if you need another pledge card, (626-447-2181) or stop by Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pledge Cards are also available by the Offering Box in the entryway.

The 2025 Giving Statements have been corrected and were emailed out this week. Check that SSP Donations and Flower Orders are correctly listed. Contact the Finance Secretary (cgsfinancial@cgsum.org) to obtain a corrected statement. Apologies for the inconvenience.

The Book Group's current selection is The Listeners. They meet **Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Library.**

Crafters meet every **Wednesday afternoon** from **2-4:00 pm in the church Library.** If you knit, crochet, embroider, paint, quilt, make jewelry, or do any other craft, join us! We are gearing up for our Fall Boutique.

**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.

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

Save the Date

- March 1st - Heritage and Communion Sunday
- March 8th - Time Change Sunday
- March 29th - Palm Sunday
- April 5th - Easter Sunday

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.

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

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.