Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday in Lent and Heritage Communion Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 1, 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 "My Hope is Built" arr. Weston
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Jesus Paid it All" John T. Grape and Elvina Hall
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from John 3:16 Prayer by Steve Garnass-Holmes)
Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader

Leader: God, you are infinite love, and heart of all life.
People: You loved this world and us into being.
Leader: God, we are thankful your love does not push away.
People: You do not condemn, but save.
Leader: God, we praise you and know we are loved, never rejected.
People: Thanks be to the Lord God Almighty!

***Opening Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Red UM Hymnal #**64**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Receiving of Transfer Members *(See insert.)*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs to you, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have neglected the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to care for our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Honorable God, we pray that you give us courage, strength, and hope to live in your grace and embrace your call in Christ. Amen.

Anthem "Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts" Henry Purcell
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader*
*John 10:1-10
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "It Is Well with My Soul" Red UM Hymnal #**377**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Are Creatures of Habit" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Go With God" Arends and Harrington
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist

***Offertory and Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation: The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Consecration *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Prayer After Receiving and 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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Forward Through the Ages" Red UM Hymnal #**555**

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

***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 "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook

**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 Good Shepherd Children's Center fundraiser is with See's Easter Candies and Cherrydale Spring Catalog! See's Candy will be via pre-order and be **on sale after church Sunday, March 15th, or on campus through the 17th.** Delivery March 26th, before Palm Sunday. Great for gift giving and Easter baskets. We also have **Cherrydale's Spring Catalog** of unique gifts for all occasions (like Mother's Day, birthdays, etc.). An order catalog full of many options will also be **available in the church office after worship on March 15th.**

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

**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.

Save these Dates!

- 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

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UMC
RECEIVING OF TRANSFER MEMBERS
HERITAGE SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2026

Transfer Members from Rosemead Mission Community UMC
William Dang
Juancho Borja
Monica Borja

Renewal of United Methodist Membership Vows
When persons unite as members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. They make known their desire to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the church members vows of the United Methodist Church:
1. Will You…renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of your sin; I Will.
2. Will You…accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression; I Will.
3. Will You…confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord; I Will.
4. Will You…remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world; I Will.
5. Will You Vow…to be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries; I Will.
6. Will You Vow…to faithfully participate in its ministries by your Prayers, your Presence, your Gifts, your Service, and your Witness; I Will.
7. And Will You…receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. I Will.

Pastor's Charge to the Congregation
Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Will you do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and protect them in love. We will.
Congregation's Prayer for New Members
We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Service, and our Witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.
Reading of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement
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