Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday in Lent
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 15, 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 "Adagio from Concerto in D major" Albinoni
Laura Arganbright, Oboe; Stephen Cook, Piano

Chimes

Introit "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded" David Hurd
Chancel Choir; Ethan Flores, Soloist; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: We worship today in the name of God, our Creator.
People: Praise to our creating God!

Leader: We worship today in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
People: Praise to our redeeming God!

Leader: We worship today in the name of God, the Holy Spirit.
People: Praise to our renewing God!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
People: Praise to the Lord the Almighty!

***Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *(vs. 1 ,2 .4, 5)* Red UM Hymnal #**139**

The Word for Children

Anthem "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" arr. McChesney
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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 "Be Still My Soul" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*
*John 14:1-14

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" Red UM Hymnal #1**64**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Want What We Don't Have " *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version Red UM Hymnal #**881**

Special Music "I Sing for You" Michael Gore
Kirk Averitt

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" Red UM Hymnal #**451**

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

***Benediction Response** "Christ Beside Me" *(v. 1)* TFWS **#2166**

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

Postlude "Sinfonia in B minor" J.S. Bach
Laura Arganbright, Oboe; Stephen Cook, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

The Trustees invite us to the **Blessing of the Kitchen today following worship.** We will have tours of the new space, and refreshments. Also, we will find out about the "Wish List" of items still needed to complete the supplies.

Mark your calendar and get your appetite ready for a tasty meal on **Thursday, March 26th! United Women in Faith's** next fundraiser is at **BJ's in Arcadia, 11:00 am – 9:00 pm.** You may order online, takeout, curbside, or dine in. Proceeds go to mission. (*See flyer.)*

Don't forget your Name Tags! They're on the entryway table as you enter.

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.**

Easter Flowers Order Time! We will be adorning our sanctuary with beautiful potted flowers "in memory of" or in "honor of" someone special and taking orders following service today and the next 2 Sundays. Available will be: Double Lilly ($22); Mums ($19); Hydrangea ($25); and Azalea ($23).

The Book Group's new selection is Meeting God in Paul. 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.

Save these Dates!

- March 15th - Kitchen Blessing
- March 29th - Special Palm Sunday Worship Service
- April 3rd - Good Friday Chapel Service at 7:00 pm
- April 5th - Easter Sunday Services (Sunrise and Traditional with Brass)
- April 19th - Kitchen Shower and All Church Luncheon

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.