Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday in Lent
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 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 "It's Up to You" Inan
Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "Soli Deo" Herbert Beuerle
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from J. Harader, Spacious Faith 2011 post)
Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers

Leader #1: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.
People: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.
Leader #2: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.
People: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.
Leader #1: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.
People: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.
Leader #2: We gather for worship now to the glory of God.
People: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

***Opening Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" Black Songbook TFWS #**2008**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "New Beginnings" Ron Mallory
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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.

Scripture Lesson *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*
*John 15:1-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "As the Deer" Black Songbook TFWS #**2025**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We All Make Mistakes " *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

Anthem "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" Jean Anne Shafferman
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" Black Songbook TFWS #**2221**

***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 "So Easy (to Fall in Love)" O. Dean
Isabelle Chan, Violin; William Shen, Guitar

**The congregation standing, if able*

Altar flowers today are in happy celebration of Elaine Iverson's 101st birthday!!! Given with love from your family and your Good Shepherd family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Mark your calendar and get your appetite ready for a tasty meal next **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.)*

United Women in Faith thank the congregation for its generosity toward our **Time Change Sunday** collection on March 8th. We collected **$327.01!** The funds will be donated to UMCOR for the Altadena Wildfire Recovery. - *Sandra Jelinek and Andrea Thorsen, Co-Presidents United Women in Faith/Sarah Circle*

California School of the Arts Combined Choirs, along with Citrus College, and the Quartz Ensemble are presenting **Carmina Burana, Friday, March 27th at 7:00 pm**, here in our sanctuary. There will be over 110 choral singers, accompanied by the CSArts Philharmonic. Tickets may be ordered online at: boxoffice.sgv.csarts.net/.

Easter Flowers Order Time! We will be adorning our sanctuary with beautiful potted flowers "in memory of" or in "honor of" someone special. **This is the final Sunday for flower sales** in the courtyard following worship. Following the Easter service, they may be picked up by the purchaser or donated for delivery to our members who are more homebound. You may also **order through the church office by tomorrow, Monday, March 23rd.** Let us know if you can help deliver Easter plants to our homebound members following the East Sunday services.

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.

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 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.