Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook, Music Director

The Chimes

Introit "Be Our Shepherd, Lord" J. L. Clark
Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 130) *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

One: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

Many: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

One: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Many: Sing Praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

***Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" Red UM Hymnal **#369**

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

Anthem "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Eithum
Youth Bell Choir; 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 Lessons *Reader's Theater*

John 11:1-45

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "His Name is Wonderful" Red UM Hymnal **#174**

Sermon Message "To Live Inside Out: Resurrection and Calling"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem Response "My Life Flows On In Endless Song" arr. Jean Ann Shafferman
Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Take My Life and Let It Be" Red UM Hymnal **#399**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" 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.

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Hayes

Stephen Cook, Music Director

***The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers today are in honor of Eleanor Lucas Mulligan's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Sierra Service Project - Vehicle Donations Needed
This past week, Sierra Service Project (SSP) said goodbye to a twenty-year-old SSP tow capable truck. It takes many vehicles to make a summer of SSP happen, and gently used vehicles are always a need for the organization. Trucks and minivans are especially helpful, but all types of vehicles are welcome. To coordinate a donation, call the office at **(916) 488-6441** or email Rick Eaton at **rickeaton@sierraserviceproject.org.**
For more information, visit: www.sierraserviceproject.org/donate/donate-a-vehicle/.

Palm Sunday: Chancel Choir to Perform F.J. Haydn's Stabat Mater
Next Sunday's Palm Sunday Service will feature a performance of F.J. Haydn's *Stabat Mater*. The choir will be joined by a 13-piece orchestra, singers from the California School of the Arts – San Gabriel Valley Vocal Arts Ensemble, Citrus College, and a quartet of soloists.

The *Stabat Mater* is a text often sung during the Lenten season to begin Holy Week, as it portrays the scene of Mary standing at the cross. The text was written in the 13th century and has been set by dozens of composers over the centuries. Please join us for this special music.

Upcoming Events!

- **April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship – Special Choir Music**
- **April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Services**
  6:00 am in Courtyard Sunrise Service led by Youth Group
  10:00 am Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Brass Ensemble
  Easter Egg Hunt for Children - Fellowship and Refreshments

Family Promise Fundraiser is April 15th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) The Walking Group will be signing up walkers and donors in the courtyard after worship. Registration is only $25 per person and includes a bib, food, water, and opportunity drawings for donated items from local businesses.

"Parenting The Love and Logic Way"
Six lessons are being presented beginning Sunday, April 16th through May 21st, from 3-4:30 p.m. Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful. The cost is $25 per participant and includes a workbook for each. Parenting couples are encouraged to both attend. **Childcare will be provided.** You may register and pay online by going to the website at: https://cgsum.org/events/classes. See The Word for more information.

2023 Altar Flowers To sign up for altar flowers, just enter your information in the flower chart in the narthex, or call the church office, 626-447-2181. Cost is **$60**. Make your check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. (Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website.)

Our newsletter, **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.