Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday in Lent, and Time Change Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 8, 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 "Sonata in F major, K. 332 (2nd movement)" W.A. Mozart
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Abide With Me" arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, let us worship God.
People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Come, let us worship our Shepherd.
People: We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Holy Spirit.
People: May the love of our Lord guide and sustain us on our journey.

***Opening Hymn** "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me" Red UM Hymnal #**361**

The Word for Children

Anthem "Come Be the Light" Patterson
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

**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 "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*
*John 6:22-35
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Wonderful Words of Life" Red UM Hymnal #**600**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Need Bread (Food) to Live" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Siete Lagrimas" Lau Noah
Amarie Velarde, Soloist; Michel Von Loh, Guitar

Announcements *Rev. Thai Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Freely, Freely" Red UM Hymnal #**389**

***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 Improvisation on "Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain" arr. Fedak
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*

There are two lovely altar flower arrangements this morning. They are given in celebration of Gay Place's 90th birthday, with love from her family and in honor of our families by Harry and Connie Heflin.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

It's Time Change Sunday! Look for the ladies with the yellow buckets. They will be collecting change in the yellow buckets today after worship. Proceeds will be donated.

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 3 Sundays. Available will be: Double Lilly ($22); Mums ($19); Hydrangea ($25); and Azalea ($23). *See insert.*

The Book Group's new selection, Meeting God in Paul, begins March 10th. 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 10th - Shepherds Fellowship
- March 15th - Kitchen Blessing
- March 29th - Palm Sunday
- April 3rd - Good Friday
- April 5th - Easter Sunday
- April 19th - Kitchen Shower and 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.