Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, April 5, 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 "Allegretto" Arcangelo Corelli
Brass Quartet; Stephen Cook, Organ

Chimes

Introit "Easter Introit" John Thornburg & John Ferguson
Chancel Choir; Brass Quartet; Kirk Averitt, Director

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Red UM Hymnal #**302**

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Discipleship Ministries, Sept. 2025)
Richard Vethamani, Lay Reader

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!
People: God is doing a new thing. Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Leader: Easter people, life has conquered death.
People: Love has overcome fear. Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Leader: Easter people, God has given us a new start!
People: We have been transformed by His grace. Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

The Word for Children

Offering Our Gifts and Receiving Our Offerings

Offertory "Gentle Shepherd" arr. Kiel
Stephen Cook, Piano

***The Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red UM Hymnal #**94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gits! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 "Now Let the Ancient Hymn Resound" arr. Robert Leaf
Chancel Choir; Brass Quartet; Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Organ

Scripture Lesson *Richard Vethamani, Lay Readers*
*John 17:17-27 and John 20:11-18
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "He Lives" Red UM Hymnal #**310**

Sermon "A Universal Truth: We Must Believe" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" by Beethoven, arr. Maddux
Susan Holder, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" Red UM Hymnal #**159**

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

***Benediction Response** "Hallelujah Chorus" by G.F. Handel

Postlude Concertato on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Nelhybel
Brass Quartet; Stephen Cook, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Special thanks to our Brass Quartet this morning: Kyle Athayde and Harry Ostrander, Trumpets; Phil Keen and Patrick Lenertz, Trombones

The Brass Quartet appearance is made possible by a generous donation from Fran Syverson Memorial Fund.



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Save these Dates!

- **April 14th - Shepherds Fellowship – Guide Dogs of America, 7:00 pm**
- **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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Thank you to all who have purchased the beautiful flowers that have adorned the sanctuary for our Easter Service. *(See other side for a list of donors and their dedications.)* After worship you may pick up your plants from the chancel area. Those who are delivering to homebound folks, please also pick up at that location.

Sarah Circle/UWF will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, April 9th, in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.** Our guest speaker is Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, who will be talking about "Care for the Soul with Slow Down Therapy. Hope to see everyone there.

Shepherds Group invites all to a presentation by **Guide Dogs of America**, **Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

Kitchen Shower & Luncheon, Fellowship Hall, at noon April 19th! The lunch will be prepared in our new kitchen. We will be stocking the remodeled space with new supplies from our Wishlist, enjoying a meal together and honoring the Kitchen Fund donors. Please RSVP to info@cgsum.org.

Mark your calendars and spread the word! **VBS at CGS will be July 20-24, 5:30pm to 8:00pm including dinner!** 3 years to 5th grade participants welcome. As are volunteer's 6th grade and up! More details and registration will be available in May. Mark your calendar now! Share with your family and friends!

The **Book Group** has begun a discussion of their new book, ***Theo of Golden.*** Join them 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.



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