Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Easter
United Women in Faith Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, April 19, 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 "Pastorale" Douglas Wagner
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Come, People of the Risen King" arr. Lamb
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

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

Leader: Loving God, we come this morning with praises for you!
People: We thank you for our journey of faith and walk with Christ.

Leader: Nurturing God, we come this morning committing to you.
People: Be by our side as we go experience life's pathways and encounters.

Leader: Saving God, we desire to proclaim your Word.
People: We open our hearts and minds as we share our stories of Salvation!

***Opening Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Red UM Hymnal #**569**

Children's Choir "I'm Gonna Sing" arr. Nix
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Reading of UWF Mission Statement *UWF Secretary, Nancy Neuner, and All Women*

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Prayer of Affirmation and Lord's Prayer *Margaret Blair*

Eternal God, thank you for calling and affirming us to be in community with each other. Enable us to center ourselves for renewal in your presence, commitment to your mission, and ministry with the least of these, here and around the world. Equip us with your Holy Spirit to witness to your love and power, healing and reconciliation. Inspire us once again to be the tellers of the old, old story in ever new contexts, that Jesus has come so that all may have life. And together we are lifted up in the fullness of life, through Christ Jesus.

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 "I Love the Lord" by Richard Smallwood
Chancel Choir; Jaylin Tillman, Soloist; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Diane Lucas, Lay Reader*

Psalm 116:1-7

*Luke24:13-27

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word is a Lamp" Red UM Hymnal #**601**

Sermon "Stories that Matter: Walking with Christ" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

Special Music "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"
by Geoffrey O'Hara & Daniel S. Twohig
Garrison Holder, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn**	"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"	Red UM Hymnal #**304**
***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	**"**Come, Thou All Mighty King"	arr. Martin *Stephen Cook*

**The congregation standing, if able*

Altar flowers today are in celebration of United Women in Faith and all the women of Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

The Wandering Foot Quilt Guild is inviting all who are interested to join them for a **Yardage Sale on Wednesday, April 22nd in Fellowship Hall, 6:15 to 7:00 pm.** Afterward, there will also be a guest speaker, Tina Curran, who will present her trunk show of her Art Quilts and offer original patterns for purchase.

The service celebrating the life of **Janet Bartel** will be held in the **Chapel on Saturday, April 25th at 3:00 pm.** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Rescue Mission in her memory at bit.ly/janetbartel.

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** gathers on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the library!

Crafters meets 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.

Note that beginning **June 1, 2026**, the Newsletter will be published **every other week.**

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!

- May 3rd - Heritage Communion Sunday
- May 10th - Mother's Day and Baptism Sunday
  (Please contact pastoreva@cgsum.org for Baptism info.)
- May 17th - All Music Sunday
- May 21st - UWF Fundraiser @ Alex DiPeppe's
- May 24th - Pentecost Sunday & Potluck Lunch

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.