Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Easter
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, April 26, 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 "Sea Sparkle" T. Akbo
Franklyn Shen, Piano

Chimes

Introit "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Bryan Doerksen
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Amy Loving's Psalm 118 Year C CTW)
Morgan Noonchester and Felix Wang, Lay Readers

Leader: Easter people, give thanks to the Lord!
People: For the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Easter people, know that the Lord is our salvation.
People: For God is our strength and might.

Leader: Easter people, see that the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
People: For this is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Easter people, rejoice in this day that the Lord has made.
People: For it is by His grace alone we go forth!

***Opening Hymn** "Grace Alone" TFWS #**2162**

The Word for Children

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "Earth and All Stars" by Johnson and Shepard
Youth Bells; 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 Lesson *Morgan Noonchester and Felix Wang, Lay Readers*
Psalm 118:21-25
*Luke 24:28-35
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "As the Deer" *(2xs)* TFWS #**2025**

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

Anthem "Let the River Run" by Craig Hella Johnson
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "All Who Hunger" TFWS #**2126**

***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 "These Days"
by Ryan, Caplen, Scott, Izadkhan, Dryden, Aggett, Rolle, Haggerty & Bunetta
William Shen, Guitar; Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able*

Altar flowers today are in loving memory of my mother, Susanna Pang, by Vince Pang.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

All Music Sunday is May 17th! The Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs will be singing, and the Youth Bells and Carillon Ringers will be ringing! Invite your family and friends to share this special service.

Mark your calendars and spread the word! **VBS at CGS will be July 20-24, 5:30 to 8:00 pm 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. Orders are placed by noon on Thursdays. 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
- June 7th - Youth Musical!
- July 20th-24th - Vacation Bible School

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.