Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

May 10, 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 Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Hopson
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Faith of Our Mothers" Traditional Hymn, St. Catherine
Men of the Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

Leader: We gather together to worship our creating and nurturing God.
People: Who knows us and loves us unconditionally.

Leader: We gather together to thank God for the mothers and women in our lives.
People: Who taught us the right ways and led by their faith.

Leader: We gather together to serve God whose hope for us never ceases.
People: And together we raise our grateful praises to the Lord of all!

***Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**92**

Children's Message *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

**The congregation standing, if able*

Unison Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

On Mother's Day, we think of, pray for, and thank God for our mothers and those who acted as our mothers. Our mothers gave us life, kept us safe, fed us, and loved us. They saw a bit of themselves in us. As we grew, mothers directed us, helped us with school lessons, encouraged us to do well, scolded us. They encouraged us to begin to follow our own path through life. When we succeeded, they cheered and embraced us When we failed, they comforted us with hugs and tears. As we went out on our own, mothers watched, prayed, and encouraged us – from a distance. We thank God for our mothers, for their love and guidance, for their cheers. God couldn't mother all of us, so God chose our mothers and we are grateful. Amen. *(written by Elaine Drew)*

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 "Ubi Caritas" arr. Johnathan Reid
Men of the Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

Psalm 31:1-5

2 Timothy 1:1-7

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Red UM Hymnal #**334**

Sermon "Stories that Matter: Believing in Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Un Dia de Noviembre" by Leo Brouwer
Michel Von Loh, Guitar

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Let Us Plead for Faith Alone" Red UM Hymnal #**385**

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

***Benediction Response** "The Trees of the Field" TFWS **#2279**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Postlude **"**Hymn to Joy" arr. Young
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are in honor and celebration of Mother's Day.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

United Women in Faith is having a spring fundraiser at **Alex DiPeppe's in Arcadia on Thursday, May 21st from 4:00 to 8:15 pm.** Treat Mom to a no cook dinner and enjoy a delicious pasta dish, pizza or other Italian favorites from this local favorite eatery. Dine in or take out. See the enclosed flyer.

Shepherds Fellowship Group meeting on **May 12th at 6:00pm** will feature guest speaker, Pat Esposito, who will talk about the JPL Odyssey Mission to Mars Project.

Then on **May 24th following worship, Shepherds** will host a **Potluck Lunch in the Hall.** What to bring: Surnames A-G - Meat/Protein, H-N - Vegetable, O-S - Pasta or Potato, and T-Z - Fruit.

Attention High School Seniors! We would like to highlight your achievements and celebrate your accomplishments in the June 7th Worship Bulletin. Please email a bio (including plans for the fall), a senior portrait, and one baby picture to fnjshen@sbcglobal.net by May 17th.

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 17th - All Music Sunday
- May 21st - UWF Fundraiser @ Alex DiPeppe's *(See flyer.)*
- May 24th - Pentecost Sunday & Potluck Lunch
- June 7th - Youth Musical
- June 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.