Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday of Easter and Music Celebration Sunday

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

May 17, 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 "When in Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Page

Chimes

Introit "Alleluia" Gordon Young
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Leader: Come and celebrate the Lord today!
People: Let everything on earth worship Him.

Leader: Come and glorify Him in word and deed!
People: Let us shout about the wonders He has done.

Leader: Come and sing in joyful praise!
People: Let the whole world witness the triumphs of His grace.

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(vs. 1,2,3 & 7)*
Red UM Hymnal #**57**

Special Music **"**Sing Our Song of Joy!" Dauermann
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

**The congregation standing, if able*

Children's Message *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Teacher Appreciation *Cindy Ostry, Christian Education Chairperson*

May includes Teacher Appreciation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Sunday School and Music Teachers for their dedication to our little ones. They are a dedicated group that is sharing their faith through ministry to our babies, children, youth and young adults. Thank you Stephanie Shen, Sarah Reynolds, Emily Crouse, Heather Reynolds, Jenny Romey, Kirsten Hubbell, Cindy Snavely, Kimmy Ng, Franklyn Shen, Carolyn Noonchester, Janice Clark, Diane Lucas for a job well done! Sincerely, Cindy Ostry, Christian Education Chairperson

Special Music "Vida La Vida" arr. McChesney
Carillon Ringers and 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.

Anthem **"**Praise the Lord for His Creation" arr. Derek K. Hakes
Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs; Carillon Ringers and Youth Bells;
Kirk Averitt, Diane Lucas and Carolyn Noonchester, Directors

Scripture Lesson *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Psalm 66:1-4

*Luke 24:44-53

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" Red UM Hymnal #**596**

Sermon "Stories that Matter: A Witness for Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Neil A. Johnson
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

***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 **"**Prelude in C Major" J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are in memory of Helen Sansui, 22 years ago, by Maria, Ruemruk and Dylan and in loving memory of Mary Jo and Walker Paramenter, by Cari, Kaity, and Jefferson Hoffenberg.

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.

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.

The Children's Center is collecting clean, used towels for "Be Kind to Animals" Month. Our donations will go to the Pasadena and San Gabriel Humane Societies through May 31st. A box for dropping off your donations is located in front of the Children's Center office. Thank you for supporting our project!

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 **today!**

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 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.