Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

May 24, 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 Meditation on "America" arr. Kane

Chimes

Introit "Anointing" Don C. Thomas
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(by Rev. Laura de Jong)* *Kim Reynolds, Lay Reader*

Leader: On the day of Pentecost, the people gathered to bring thanksgivings to the Lord.
People: Give thanks to God, for all His gifts!

Leader: The Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers, and they began to speak in tongues.
People: We lift up our voices and praise God's name!

Leader: The Spirit, source of the first fruits, gives life and is the promise of the life to come.
People: Give thanks to the triune God, for the promise of new life!

***Opening Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Red UM Hymnal #**64**

Children's Message *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

**The congregation standing, if able*

Appreciation Moment for Teachers of Adult Classes *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Kim Reynolds, Lay Reader*
Psalm 104:31-35
Acts 2:1-4, 14-21
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit Song" Red UM Hymnal #**347**

Sermon "Stories that Matter: The Arrival of the Holy Spirit" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Into the West" Annie Lennox, Howard Shore, & Fran Walsh
Stephenson Holder, Soloist; Michel Von Loh Guitar

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "We Are the Church" Red UM Hymnal #**558**

***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 "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Memorial Day flowers on the altar this morning are given in memory of all those who gave their lives serving our country. We also honor current and retired veterans. Please see the insert with the list of CGS Veterans. (To add names to this list, contact Suzanne in the church office: swright@cgsum.org.)

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

The Shepherds Potluck Lunch is today in the Hall. Feast on delicious varieties of salads and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Please note that due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no newsletter this week.

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!

It's time to plan for Vacation Bible School! VBS at CGS will be July 20-24, 5:30pm to 8:00pm and includes dinner! Children 3 years to 5th grade participants are welcome. So are volunteers 6th grade and up! More details and registration will be available soon. 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!

- June 7th - Youth Musical
- June 14th - Blood Pressure Screening
- 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

2026 Memorial Day
Honoring those who have served their country.

The "Red, White and Blue" Chancel Flowers are in honor and remembrance of all those who have served, or are currently serving, our country in the various branches of our military. Special thanks to those who contributed, or their families who did so in their names, to our 2026 Veterans' Fund. This fund makes our special flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day possible, as well as providing flowers at the memorial services of our veterans.

Sgt. E-5 Lynn Adkins, USA
Col. Russ Andres, USMC
Fireman 2nd Cl Lawrence W. Arnold (deceased)
S/Sgt Wesley Ashby, USA (deceased)
HM2 Larry Atkins, USN (deceased)
SSgt. Win Balance, USMC (deceased)
2 Lt. Frederic D. Blair, USA Air Corp (deceased)
Col. Arthur Lester Biberstein, USAF (deceased)
Col. Ralph Breeden, USA (deceased)
1st Lt. Bruce D. Brereton, USA
Capt. Richard Briggs (deceased)
Capt. Loren Broadhead, USAF
Lt. William F. Brower, USA Air Corp.
Robert Joseph Budihas, USN (deceased)
George L. Bymakos, USN
Leonidas George Bymakos, Infantry
Nicholas L. Bymakos, USN
Dave Callaham, USN Sub. Corp.
Gunnery Sgt. George G. Chapman, USMC (deceased)
Sgt. John Warren Collar, USA Tank Corp (deceased)
Corporal Christopher Wade Coon, USMC
A1C Dave Cooper, K-9 (deceased)
E4 David L. Crissey, USA
LCDR Thomas W. Crosby, SC, USN
PO 2nd Cl Joseph D'Amore, USN
Major Paul DeLeon
Dr. Ted A. Dorian (deceased)
Sgt. Eugene Doster, USA HG Det 5 Gen Hosp (deceased)
Lt. Col. Theodore S. Drew, USAF (deceased)
Radarman 3rd Cl William Earle, USCG
John T. Evans, 1st Lt. Army Air Corp (deceased)
Major John Fee, USA (deceased)
Lt. Helen Cornelius Finke, USA Nurses Corp. (deceased)
Capt. Michael Fox, USA
Sp/5 John Garton, USA Nat'l Guard (deceased)
2Lt. Roy Thomas Gilbert, USA (deceased)
Col. Roy Gilliam, USAF (deceased)
Capt. John A. Goodno, USAF (deceased)
Electrician Robert Graham, USN (deceased)
1st Lt. Harry Heflin, USA
Sgt. Leonard R. Henkey USA (deceased)
Sgt. Tom K. Henkly (deceased)
E-6W Warren Hasseler, USA
PO William C. Hoover, USN Seabees (deceased)
Radarman 1st CL. Walter Hubinger, USN (deceased)
Lt. Com. DeForest Iverson, USN Seabees (deceased)
Cpl. Dean Jew, USA deceased)
Sp/5 Michael Johnson, USA
E4 Sp. 4th Cl John Kenan, USA
Sgt. Jack Kelly, USAF (deceased)
PO James Kenan, USN (deceased)
Lisa Kim's father and all veterans
Airman 1st Class, Harold R. Kline, AAC (deceased)
Clifford M. Kline, USA (deceased)
Tony Kovacic, USA (deceased)
SSgt. Art Leatherman, USMC (deceased)
Gary Lee (deceased)
Robert Lee (deceased)
Charles Lekas, USA
Tech/Sgt. Gilbert W. Lewis, WWII
1st Lt. Craig Lucas, USA
Sgt. Kenneth Mallory, USA
Lt. J. G. Bruce McCallum, USN
Signalman 1st Cl M. E. (Mac) McMaster (deceased)
PO 1st Cl Walter McNall, USN (deceased)
3 Miyamoto Brothers, 442nd, 10th Mt. Division
PO2 Travis Mondrala, USCG
Ens. Thom DeWitt Muirhead, Merchant Marines (deceased)
Lt. David L. Narver, Jr., Naval Civil Eng. Corp (deceased)
L Cpl Kareem Nikour, USMC (deceased)
Sp/4 John Neuner, USA
PFC John L. O'Jibway, USMC (deceased)
Sgt. Al Olson, USA (deceased)
Sp/2 Dan Place, USA (deceased)
CPL E-3 Peter J. Ostry, USMC
Capt. Anthony Byrom Parrille, USAF
Sp/5 Anthony P. Parrille, USA

Lt. Col. Arthur F. Pomeroy, USA
Cpt. Kane C. Roberts, USA
Lt. Loren Russell, USN (deceased)
3 Sano Brothers, USA Air Force
Ens. PO3 Dean Sansui, USN (deceased)
Yeomen Duane Schube, USN
2nd Lt. Emily Allyn Schube, USA
Capt. Jon Dorian Shafer, USA
LTC Marc Norman Shafer, USN
Norman Shafer, USN
Maj. Warren C. Shaw, Jr. USA (deceased)
Gen. Thomas Sinclair, USMC (deceased)
SSgt. Jim Slemmon, USA A Corp. (deceased)
Sp 3 Gary Sparks, USA Security (deceased)
1st Lt. Roy Steed, USA A Corp. (deceased)
Lt. Truman M. Stelle, USA AF (deceased)
Lt. j.g. Howard Syverson, USN (deceased)
Lt. Col. Thad H. Talcott, USAF (deceased)
Robert Talty (deceased)
T/Sgt Peter Ulrich, USA (deceased)
Christopher Van Kirk, US Airborne
Harley Van Kirk, US Sp. Forces (deceased)
Michael Van Kirk, US Airborne
REO P. Van Kirk, USA (deceased)
Lt. j.g. Paul Verburg, USN (deceased)
1st Sgt. Cindy Villanueva, USA (active)
1st Sgt. Wayne Whitehill, USA Security Agent (deceased)
T 5 Robert Whittier, USA (deceased)

If you contributed to the 2026 Veterans' Fund but the name was inadvertently omitted, please contact the church office 626-447-2181 or email Swright@cgsum.org.

