Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday After Pentecost and Heritage and Communion Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

June 14, 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 "Will You Come and Follow Me?" arr. Walz
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Simple Gifts" arr. Aaron Copland
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 18)* *Douglas Van Kirk, Lay Reader*

One: O Lord, we call upon you, for you are worthy to be praised.
Many: You hear our voices in times of distress and despair.

One: You reach down from on high and draw us out of anger.
Many: You gird us with strength and endurance so our paths may be safe.

One: For this we extol you, O Lord, and sing praises to your name.
Many: Blessed be the rock of our Salvation!

***Opening Hymn** "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**554**

Children's Message *Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds and our lives so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

Anthem "People Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Douglas Van Kirk, Lay Reader*

Psalm 116:12-19
Acts 2:42-47

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Red UM Hymnal #**632**

Sermon "Stories that Matter: The Fellowship of Believers" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Rodgers & Hammerstein II
Garrison Holder, Soloist

***Offertory and Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation:
The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Consecration *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Prayer After Receiving and The 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.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	Red UM Hymnal #**133**
***Benediction**		*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
***Benediction Response**	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	Red UM Hymnal **#431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude	"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" *(Hyfrydol)*	arr. Lani Smith *Stephen Cook*

**The congregation standing, if able*

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Health Ministries is holding **free BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS TODAY in the Lounge after the service.** No reservation is required. We recommend having your cup of coffee before having your BP taken.

Join us next Sunday for Father's Day Sunday! The women in the choir will provide special music, men of faith (Ken Blair, Simon Flores, and Doug Van Kirk) will be sharing the message, and ROI will continue to host June coffee fellowship with donuts and muffins after worship!

Summer Choir has begun! All are welcome to join us Sunday mornings for9:00 am rehearsal and then add our voices to worship. No robes! Great fellowship!

Aloha colorful summer attire for the summer has begun! Wear your Hawaiian or colorful clothing to worship during this season.

Time for Vacation Bible School! "Snowball Mountain Challenge"! July 20-24, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and includes dinner! Children 3 years to 5th grade participants are welcome. 6th grade and up. Fun for grandkids, neighbors and friends! Register online or pick up forms in the narthex and drop off or send to the church office with your payment. **Volunteers' Meeting is TODAY in the Library following worship.** Lunch will be included.

Sonic Storytelling Arts in the Chapel, Saturday, June 20th at 2:30 pm. The Mu Phi Epsilon L.A. Alumni Chapter invites all to a special musical program conducted by Mary Lou Newmark. A reception will follow. See the enclosed flyer.

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.

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 Date!

- July 20th-24th - Vacation Bible School
- August 16th - BBQ Lunch after Worship in the Chapel!

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.