Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

6th Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday and 4th of July Weekend
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

July 5, 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 "More to Love Thee, O Christ" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "America the Beautiful" arr. Dan Bird
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
People: May God continue to bless the churches in this land.

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace with all peoples on the earth.
People: May God continue to establish peace and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!
People: And may God continue to hear our songs of faith and dedication.

***Opening Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Red UM Hymnal #**519**

Children's Message

Children are invited to come sit in the front.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Unison Prayer *(written by Rev. Andy Langford)*

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem "Amazing Grace" arr. John Coates, Jr.
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

Psalm 145:8-12

*Matthew 11:25-30

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "This is My Song" Red UM Hymnal #**437**

Sermon "Core Faith: The Yoke of Discipleship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "All His Benefits" arr. Taylor
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist

***Offertory and Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM 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 *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "America the Beautiful" Red UM Hymnal #**696**

***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 "My Rock, My Fortress" by Dennis Eliot
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*

The flowers today are in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence, donated by Lynne Rivera.

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Summer Worship at Good Shepherd!

- July 12th -Summer Choir continues with 9am rehearsal for those interested in singing with the choir in worship!
- July 19th -Zenaida Stewart Robles Singers in worship and SSP Team Blessing.
- July 26th -Special Gospel Worship Service with Director Marcus Desir and guest musicians.
- AUGUST 2nd -NO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY DUE TO PARKING LOT PROJECT. All are encouraged to attend worship at nearby Sierra Madre UMC, Monrovia UMC, or Temple City UMC. Worship times and addresses for these churches will be published in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.
- Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Sept. 6 -Worship Services will take place in our beautiful Chapel on these Sundays!

See today's insert for the Announcements.

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.

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.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Buy SSP Stock! Yes, you can add your monetary support to our youth and help fund their mission trip to Arizona this summer. **On sale today and the next 2 Sundays after worship!** And . . . . . more good news - **SSP Bake Sale on July 19th after service!**

Summer Choir has begun! All are welcome to join us Sunday mornings for 9:00 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.

We are very happy to announce a special musical opportunity coming to CGS. The **Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers Summer Choir Intensive** is being offered right here on our campus! It is open to **all singers** who want to sharpen their abilities and takes place the week of **July 13th through 19th.** It culminates with the singers presenting their repertoire as the worship service on July 19th. There will be evening rehearsals and Saturday dress rehearsal. For more information and to register: zanaidarobles.com/zsr-singers-summer-choral-intensive-2026/.

Shepherds Group will be having a **Salad and Sundae Supper Potluck on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** Dinner RSVP to Lyne Whitaker by July 12th. The evening will feature a program on **Guide Dogs of America.** Bring a dog toy to donate!

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! See today's insert. Register online or pick up forms in the narthex and drop off or send to the church office with your payment.

YAY! IT'S TIME FOR GOOD SHEPHERD AT THE QUAKES BASEBALL GAME! Saturday, August 1st, 6:30 pm. Group tickets are $13 each along the 1st base side. Great view of the mountains and in the shade. Family entertainment with mascots Tremor and After Shock. Contact Margaret Blair (kdblair@earthlink.net) by July 23rd with the number of tickets you desire and your email address. Tickets can be printed & scanned. Pay with cash or checks (payable to Margaret Blair) and hand to her at church or leave in the church office.

Foothill Unity's Back to School Supply Drive has begun. CGS has long supported this organization that serves needs in the San Gabriel Valley. There is a donation box in the narthex with a list of the items being requested. You may also contribute financially online or using the QR code shown on the box.

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.

