Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday After Pentecost
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

July12, 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 "Give Me Jesus" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Dan Bird
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

Leader: Lord, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths.
People: Though the world around us tosses and tumbles, we hold fast to your Word.
Leader: Your Word is a testimony of our heritage forever.
People: Open our lives to your Word, and lead us in the way everlasting.
Leader: Accept our praises today, O God, and teach us your ways.
People: We rejoice in your Word and the blessed assurance that springs forth.

***Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" Red UM Hymnal #**369**

Children's Message

Children are invited to come sit in the front.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Forever, O LORD, your word s firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. You have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day. For all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

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 "We Are the Church of God" Jon Paige
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

Psalm 119:105-108

*Matthew 13:1-9

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Wonderful Words of Life" Red UM Hymnal #**600**

Sermon "Core Faith: Understanding the Word" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Thy Word" Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant
Susan Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "O How I Love Jesus" Red UM Hymnal #**170**

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

***Benediction Response** "You Are the Seed" *(v. 1a & Refrain)* Red UM Hymnal #**583**

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

Postlude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*

The flowers today are in celebration of Ken and Margaret Blair's anniversary.

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 next Sunday after worship!** And, YUM news - **SSP Bake Sale on July 19th after service!**

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study is off for the summer and **resumes September 6th.**

The **Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers Summer Choir Intensive** will take place right here on our campus this coming week. It culminates with the singers presenting their repertoire as the worship service on July 19th. Come and enjoy.

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 **today.** 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! 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! It is **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 your ticket quantity 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 drop off at 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. The donation box is 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.

Summer Worship at Good Shepherd!

- **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!

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.