Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday After Pentecost
SSP Team Blessing
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

July19, 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 "Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen" *(from Ein deutsches Requiem)* Johannes Brahms
Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

Chimes

Introit "Ascribe to the Lord" Rosephanye Powell
Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 134)* *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

One: Let us gather to praise the Lord.
Many: Let us minister in the house of the Lord.

One: Let us lift up our hands in His Sanctuary.
Many: Let us lift up our voices in praise!

One: And may the Lord bless all His creation.
Many: For He is the Maker of heaven and earth!

***Opening Hymn** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Red UM Hymnal #**328**

Children's Message

Children are invited to come sit in the front.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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 "Psalm 134: Behold, Bless Ye the Lord" *(from Songs of Ascent)* Shawn Kirchner
Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

Scripture Lesson *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

Psalm 139:1-6

*Matthew 12:1-8

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "On Eagle's Wings" Red UM Hymnal #**143**

Sermon "Core Faith: The Meaning of Sabbath" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Still I Rise" Rosephanye Powell
Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Red UM Hymnal #**133**

***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 "The Summit is Nigh" by Zanaida Robles
Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers

**The congregation standing, if able*

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Buy **SSP Stock today!** Help fund their mission trip to Arizona. They leave next Saturday, July 25th. And, YUM news - **SSP Bake Sale after service, too!**

Thank you to **Zanaida and the Zanaida Stewart Robles Singers and all the musicians** for conducting the choral workshop this week and blessing us with their music today.

Wednesday, July 22nd at 9:30 am is the Memorial Service for Mike Johnson. It will be held in the Chapel. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

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

Vacation **Bible School! "Snowball Mountain Challenge" is this week, July 20-24, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.** It's great way to have fun and learn for kids and volunteers.

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 collection ends TOMORROW. 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 year round online or using the QR code shown on the box.

Crafters meets every **Wednesday afternoon** from **2-4:00 pm in the church Library.** Bring your skills and projects and fellowship together. We are creating items for our Fall Boutique.

Remember that the newsletter is now published every two weeks. Upcoming dates are: July 27th; August 10th and 24th; September 7th and 21st; October 5th and 19th; November 2nd and 16th; and December 1st and 14th.

Summer Worship at Good Shepherd!

- **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.