Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9th Sunday After Pentecost
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

July 26, 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 "Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary" by West Angeles
Band; Marcus Desir, Conductor

Chimes

Introit "He Has Done Marvelous Things" by James Bignon
Summer Choir; Band; Marcus Desir, Conductor

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Stephenson Holder, Lay Reader*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD,
People: for God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the LORD's doing;
People: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***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.*

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 "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood
Summer Choir; Band; Marissa Wright, Soloist; Marcus Desir, Conductor

Scripture Lesson *Stephenson Holder, Lay Reader*

Psalm 105:1-7

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit Red UM Hymnal #**334**

Sermon "Core Faith: The Kingdom of Heaven" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music *Band; Marcus Desir, Conductor*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" Red UM Hymnal #**374**

***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 Just Want to Praise You" by Maurette Brown Clark
Band; Marus Desir, Conductor

**The congregation standing, if able*

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Shirley Brostrom Hasseler by Warren Hasseler, in loving memory of Tony Parrille from the Parrille family and in celebration of Pastor Eva's birthday by the Staff Pastor Relations Committee.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Thank you to Marcus Desir, the band members, soloist and our Summer Choir for treating us to the blessing of your music today! Much appreciation to the Church Foundation for their generous grant for the summer music programs.

Important Notice: all church parking lots will be closed July 30th through August 2nd for the repainting of lot lines and seal coating. **Here are service times and locations for nearby churches where you may worship on Sunday, August 2nd .**

***Sierra Madre UMC – 9:30 AM* - 695 West Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre**

***Temple City FUMC – 9:30 AM* – 5957 Golden West Ave., Temple City**

Please note that **2026 Half Year Giving Statements are scheduled to be mailed out the week of July 27th** for all tithes, pledges, and donations made through June 30th.

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

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.

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<u>Summertime Worship at Good Shepherd</u>

- **August 9th – Sunday Worship in the Chapel Begins!**
- **August 16th – Chapel -Youth will share their SSP experience and provide lunch!**
- **August 23rd, 30th, and September 6th – Worship Services continue in the Chapel**

September 13th – Return to the Sanctuary for Worship

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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.