Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Chapel Service / In Person Only
August 23, 2026

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.
Attendance pads are in the pew pocket and the offering box is on the entryway table.

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Robert Hughes *Stephen Cook*

Introit "Give Me a Clean Heart" by Margaret J. Douroux *Leanne Baroldi*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Call To Worship (*based on Psalm 62:1-4) *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

One: God, you are our God; earnestly we seek you;
Many: our soul thirsts for you; as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

One: We have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Many: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

One: So I will bless you as long as I live;
Many: in your name we will lift up our hands in faith.

***Opening Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymnal #**140**

Children's Message *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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.

Scripture Lesson **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word is a Lamp" Hymnal #**601**

Message Sharing a Favorite Scripture Passage with Ella Serrano Linder

Special Music "I was Born to Praise the Lord" by Rick Powell *Leanne Baroldi*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Benediction Response** "Grace Alone" *(v. 1)* TFWS #2162

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Postlude "Postlude in Mixolydian Mode" by David Lasky *Stephen Cook*

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 ***The altar flowers this morning are given in celebration of Diane Lucas's birthday by Craig, Addie and Ellie; and in loving memory of the birthday of Ken Blair's mother, Elizabeth D. Blair, by Ken and Margaret Blair.***

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service

- Please join us after worship for Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall!
- Nursery Care is available at 9:30am; Children & Youth Sunday School Classes meet after the Children's Message; Adult Sunday School is on summer break and resumes September 6th.
- Visit the church website (www.cgsum.org) for bi-monthly newsletter and events info.

Summertime Worship at Good Shepherd

- **August 30th, and September 6th – Worship Services continue in the Chapel**
- **September 13th – Return to the Sanctuary for Worship**

SAVE THE DATE: Sarah Circle/UWiF will resume Thursday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall. We will have a report from Izzy Chan and Sarah Veeraraj on their SSP experience. Hope to see you all then. - *Sandy Jelinek and Andea Thorsen, Co-presidents.*

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: August 24th; September 7th and 21st; October 5th and 19th; November 2nd and 16th; and December 1st and 14th.

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**Altar flower arrangements** are available in celebration of or in memory of a special person or event. Order through the church office (626-447-2181) or via email to swright@cgsum.org. The cost is $65.

The Word editor is Stephanie Shen. Please send your articles, photos and announcements to her via email by 3:00 pm the Friday before publishing: cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com. 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
Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Escobedo-Frank, District Superintendent: Rev. Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Cook, Children's Center Director: 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.