Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer Chapel Service / In Person Only
August 30, 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 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Benedictus from Missa Brevis" Ruth Watson Henderson
Quartet: Emily LaSalle; Argenta Walther; Kirk Averitt; and Sean Fitzpatrick

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

***Call to Worship** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Leader: For God so loved the world,
People: That He gave His only Son.

Leader: So that everyone who believes in Him may not perish,
People: But have eternal life.

Leader: God did not send His Son to condemn the world,
People: But to save the world through Him.

All: Great is God's unfailing love for us. Come, let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Red UM Hymnal #**158**

Children's Message *Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

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** **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" Red UM Hymnal #**393**

Message Sharing a Favorite Scripture Passage with Dave Raymond

Special Music "Sicut cervus" Palestrina
Quartet

So my soul longs for you, O God. – Psalm 42:1

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Trust and Obey" Red UM Hymnal **#467**

***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 "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure" Raymond Herbek
Stephen Cook

**Please stand as you are able.*

Flowers this morning are given in celebration of Marcia birthday by Joe D'Amore.

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**

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Church of the Good Shepherd Choirs are back in September! Have you considered joining one of our choirs? The adult choirs are the Chancel Choir, typically rehearsing Sunday mornings, and the Carillon Ringers (bells), on Wednesday evenings. Youth Choir and Youth Bells meet Sundays following worship. More info to follow.

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.*

SCAM ALERT! Please do not respond to fake emails. The Pastor would never ask you to buy gift cards for her or for the church!

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study will **resume next Sunday, September 6th, in the Library.** Kim Reynolds will be teaching on the Book of James.

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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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.