Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion Sunday
Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

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.

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" by Laurie Klein; arr. Rafael Griffin
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Piano

The Chimes

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 26; Hebrews 1, 2) *David Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: In the great congregation, let us bless the Holy One.
People: With songs of thanksgiving, we retell God's wondrous deeds.

Leader: We love the house in which God dwells
People: and the place where God's glory shines forth.

Leader: Proclaim God's name to all the world!
People: In the midst of the congregation, we praise God's holy name.

***Opening Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Red UM Hymnal #**79**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

Unison Prayer *(by Beth Merrill Neel from "Hold Fast to What is Good" resources.)*

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing; the healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be, as Christ calls us. Amen.

Anthem "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
by Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. J.L. Clark
Janice Clark, Alto; Franklyn Shen, Piano

Scripture Lessons *David Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Psalm 26:1-8
*Luke 14:1-14
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

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

Sermon Message "Humility and Hospitality" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Response "Blest Be The Ties That Bind" by Johann G. Nageli,, arr. J.L. Clark
Janice Clark, Bell Tree; Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion **Red UM Hymnal pgs. 9-11**

Receiving the Bread and Cup
Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the elements.

The 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.

Hymn After Receiving	"Glory Be to the Father"	Red UM Hymnal #**70**
Announcements		*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
Closing Hymn	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Red UM Hymnal #**251**
***Benediction**		*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
***Benediction Response**	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	Red UM Hymnal **#431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude	"Crown Him With Many Crowns"	by George Elvay
		Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Your input is important! Please answer the **Pentecost 5 Questions Series - Question #4: What ministries (current or new ones that are needed) will bring new people to church?** Turn in your answer/s to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org**.**

Sarah Circle Meeting is Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 pm in Jordan Hall – Join Us! Following a summer hiatus, our agenda will cover the upcoming Book Sale, donations to the recovery from the disasters in Hawai'i', including Maui and the Lahaina UMC, which was destroyed. We are continuing to collect items for the UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits and will assemble them at our October meeting. Please see the list in the current issue of The Word. You are welcome to drop off items at the church office 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, M – F.

United Women in Faith is having a fundraiser at the Monrovia **Panera** on **Tuesday, September 19th, 4:00 pm-8:00pm.** Proceeds will go to missions. See enclosed flyer.

Shepherds will be having dinner at the home of Dave and Jacki Raymond on **September 12th at 6:00 pm.** Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by noon on the 12th if you are coming. Volunteer a food assignment, or she will give you one. Dishes not needed. Water and iced tea will be served, but you may augment that.

We are celebrating our **Fall Festival Sunday, September 24th!** Food and, fun, jump house for the kids! Free blood pressure screening!

"Parenting the Love and Logic Way" is being offered in six weekly lessons, which begin on **Sunday, October 1st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.** Cost is $25 per participant. Childcare is provided. Parenting couples are encouraged to attend together. Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful. Registration and more information can be found on the church website or in the church office.

Used Book Sale coming in October. UWIF/Sarah Circle is having a Book Sale in memory of Jackie Olson. Keep bringing in your donations of gently used **fiction and non-fiction** paperback and hardback books to the church office.

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office. Cost is **$60** (check, cash, or online).

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, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

September 19th: UWIF/Sarah Circle Panera Fundraiser
September 23rd: Installation Worship Service of Rev. Moonyoung Lee
September 24th: Fall Festival

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

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission:
At Church of the Good Shepherd, God calls us to welcome all to a vibrant communityon a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.