Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Weekend and Worship in the Chapel
September 6, 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 "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook, Organ

Chimes

Introit "Agimus tibi gratias" Orlando di Lasso
Lilia Ensemble: Rebecca Russel, Elizabeth Laughton, Soo Bin Kwon

We give thee thanks, Almighty God and King, for all thy benefits,
who lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.

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

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

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship God!
People: We gather as people of the cross and resurrection.

Leader: Come, live as children of the Father.
People: We are reconciled by grace through the Son.

Leader: Come, walk by faith in God's world.
People: We are filled with God's love through the Spirit.

***Opening Hymn** "A Charge to Keep I Have" Red UM Hymnal #**413**

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** **2 Timothy 4:5**

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist,
make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)

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**

Message Sharing a Favorite Scripture Passage with John Neuner

Special Music "Sacred Harp Tune" (White, 1856), arr. The Wailin' Jennys
Lilia Ensemble

Ye fleeting charms of earth, farewell, your springs of joy are dry.
My soul now seeks another home, a brighter world on high.
Chorus: I'm a long time traveling here below, I'm a long time traveling away from home.
'I'm a long time traveling here below to lay this body down.
Farewell my friends whose tender care has long engaged my love.
Your fond embrace I now exchange for better friends above.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

***Benediction**

***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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

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 "The Humble Heart" *Traditional Shaker Tune* arr. Coope, Boyes, and Simpson
Lilia Ensemble

Whence comes this bright celestial light, What cause produces this?
A heaven opens to my sigh, Bright scenes of joy and bliss.
O Lord Jehovah art Thou here? This light proclaims Tou art.
"I am indeed I'm always near unto the humble heart."
"The proud and lofty I despise, And bless the meek and low.
I hear the humble soul that cries, And comfort I bestow.
Of all the trees among the wood I've chose one little vine;
The meek and low are nigh to me, the humble heart is mine"
Tall cedars bow before the wind, the tempest breaks the oak,
While slender vines will bow and bend and rise beneath the stroke.
I've chosen me a pleasant grove and set my lovely vine
Here in my vineyard I will rove, the humble heart is mine."

**Please stand as you are able.*

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Joscelle Shen, by the Snavely family.

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.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Shepherds Fellowship Potluck Dinner is Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact Lynne Whitaker no later than today for food assignments.

Church of the Good Shepherd Choirs are back next week! 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.

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 has resumed today. We meet in the Library at 9:00 am. Kim Reynolds has begun 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: 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.