Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday After Pentecost and Communion Sunday
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

September 13, 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 Prelude on "Kingsfold" arr. Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Marcus Desir, Conductor

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from Discipleship Ministries 8/2/26 CTW)* *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*

Leader: As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep,
People: we offer our praise to God.

Leader: As we sing, as we pray, as we reflect,

People: we offer our praise to God.
Leader: As we are formed by God's love, and transformed by God's grace,

People: we offer our praise to God, with our whole selves now and in all the moments of our lives!

***Opening Hymn** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" Red UM Hymnal #**67**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds and our lives so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

Anthem "Abide With Me" arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir; Marcus Desir, Conductor

Scripture Lesson *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*
Psalm 17:1-5
*John 17:1-5
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Red UM Hymnal #**496**

Sermon "The Meaning of Praise: To be Aware of God" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Henry W. Baker, arr. Brenda Portman
Garrison Holder, Soloist

***Offertory and Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation:
The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Consecration *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Prayer After Receiving and 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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

**The congregation standing, if able*

***Closing Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Red UM Hymnal #**89**

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.

Upcoming Church Events!

- Sept. 20th - Blood Pressure Screenings
- Sept. 20th - New & Transfer Members Orientation (Library 11:45 am) See Pastor Eva
- Sept. 24th - UWF Fundraiser @ Cabrera's (see flyer)
- Sept. 27th - Recognition and Celebration of Diane Lucas's 30 Years' Music Ministry
- Sept. 27th - District Mission Area Hymn Sing & Dinner,Temple City UMC 3:30 pm
- Oct. 4th - BBQ Lunch, Youth Bake Sale, and Church Council and Trustees
- Oct. 18th & 25th - Crafter's Fair
- Oct. 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat (Saturday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)

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.

***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 Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas" arr. Wagner *Stephen Cook*

**The congregation standing, if able*

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Betty Graham Taggart, from the Graham Family and the Rosebud of Love and flowers are in celebration of the birth of Eleanor Robin Aquino, first granddaughter, by Kathy and Chip Aquino.

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Thank you to Marcus Desir for conducting the Chancel Choir this morning. Welcome back to the Chancel Choir!

The **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** is being held at 11:45 am today in the Fellowship Hall.

Blood Pressure Screening Next Sunday, September 20th! Health Ministries is holding free blood pressure screenings NEXT SUNDAY in the Lounge. No reservation is required. We recommend having your cup of coffee ***after*** your screening for better results.

UWIF/Sarah Circle Fundraiser! Time for **Cabrera's!** Thursday, September 24th at the Arcadia location. Enjoy tasty selections from this local Mexican eatery and help us raise funds for mission. Share with your friends and neighbors. *(See flyer for details.)*

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. Kim Reynolds is 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 21st; October 5th and 19th; November 2nd and 16th; and December 1st and 14th.