Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 18, 2022 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 the silent mode.

Prelude "Meditation in Ab" arr. Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "All Glory Be to God"

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Call to Worship** *Michael Chesnut, Lay Reader*

One: All who call themselves children of God, come and praise His name!

Many: May God's name be lifted high in the hearts of His people.

One: All who are servants of God, come and praise His name!

Many: May we faithfully serve Him at all times and in all places.

One: All who are disciples of our Lord, come and praise His name!

Many: And with his help, may we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our Lord.

***Opening Hymn** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Red UM Hymnal **#117**

The Word for Children

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.

Anthem "Amazing Grace" John Coates
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Psalm 113:1-4 *Michael Chesnut, Lay Reader*

*Luke 18:15-17, 35-43

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" Red UM Hymnal **#453**

Sermon Message "Builders for Christ: Welcoming the Lesser"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem Response "You Raise Me Up"
Susan Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Red UM Hymnal **#399**

***Benediction**

***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 Postlude on "Wake, Awake!" arr. Martin

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Chancel Flowers this morning are:

Flowers are from the 9/17 meeting of the East District United Women of Faith in honor of the women of Church of the Good Shepherd.

In honor of James and Jenny Lee as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

In memory of Barbara Dukes' birthday by her family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Welcome Sunday is October 2!

Our Flower Chart still has many empty spots!! Sign up for **altar flowers** by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $50 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter.

Trunk or Treat on Halloween! Due to the Covid epidemic the event has been silent for two years. We are checking into the feasibility of doing it again this year. If you would enjoy putting your car in the line-up on Halloween night (Monday, October 31), opening your trunk and handing out candy to delighted children, please call **Lynne or Vern Whitaker** (626-446-7860) or see us at church.

The Worship Committee will meet after church on **September 25th from 11:30-12:30 in the library**. Anyone interested in joining the committee to help with this ministry that includes worship services, ushers, Sanctuary decorations, and other areas of praise are welcome to attend! Please let Lynne Rivera or Pastor Eva know if you would like to attend.

Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals soon. Watch the newsletter for the start date. Children currently in grades 2 thru 5 are invited to "make a joyful noise to the Lord". We will meet Sunday in the Music Room (directly behind the Narthex at back of the sanctuary) after Sunday School from approximately 11:15 to 11:45 AM. Children will need to be masked if required. We will make sure we are distanced and the room is well ventilated.

FREE FLU VACCINES, Sunday, Oct. 9th, 9 AM - 12:30 PM in the Lounge. Health Ministries, through the Spiritual Care Department of the USC Arcadia Hospital, will offer free **regular** dose flu vaccines on Sunday, Oct. 9th in the Lounge. Sign up at the Health Ministries table after church on Sept. 25th (if we have an in-person service), on Welcome Sunday, Oct. 2, or through the church office 626-447-2181. For our seniors, the stronger **high dose** flu vaccine is highly recommended & will not be offered on Oct. 9. It is offered at local pharmacies & your MD's office. For ease of administration, please wear a short-sleeved top. You do not need to be a member of Church of the Good Shepherd to receive the vaccine.

HYGIENE KITS FOR FOOTHILL UNITY CENTER Sarah Circle is collecting the following items for hygiene kits to be given out at Foothill Unity Center. Our congregation is welcome to help! You can bring any of these items to the Sarah Circle table after church on Welcome Sunday or drop off in the church office by Wed. Oct. 5. Thank you for helping!

- mini shampoos
- small bars of soaps (hotel size).
- small lotions
- single-packaged toothbrushes
- face masks.
- small hand sanitizers
- travel size deodorants
- mini conditioners
- small liquid body washes
- travel size toothpastes
- pairs of socks (women & men)
- ChapSticks
- small packages of facial wipes
- razors

The Good Shepherd Children's Center will be having their "Back to School" Event on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Come help celebrate their 50th Year Anniversary! Look for more details in the newsletter next week.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
District Superintendent: Siosaia Tuitahi
Pastor: 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 community on a continuing journey of Faith, Growth, Justice, and Service in the image of Christ.