Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday After Pentecost
Broadcast Live to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

September 20, 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 "When All Thy Mercies, O My God" arr. Leavitt
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(inspired by Psalm 105}* *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Tell of God's wonderful works.
Many: Declare God's marvelous deeds among the peoples.

One: O give thanks to the Holy One! Give glory and rejoice!
Many: Sing praises to our God! Let our hearts be glad!

One: O give thanks to the Holy One: Remember the miracles and the judgments.
Many: The Holy One has remembered us. Praise God!

***Opening Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" *(vs. 1, 4, 5)* Red UM Hymnal #**62**

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

Anthem "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" arr. Lamb
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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 "Grace" arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*

Psalm 85:10-13

*Matthew 14:22-33

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" Red UM Hymnal #**509**

Sermon "The Meaning of Praise: To Walk with Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Avinu Malkeinu" by Max Janowski
Susan Holder, Soloist

Our Father, Our King, hear our voices.
We have sinned in Your presence.
Have compassion on us and our children.
Rid us of disease, war, and hunger.
Rid us of every oppressor and adversary.
Our Father, Our King, inscribe us for good in the Book of Life.
Our Father, Our King, make this a good new year for us.
Our Father, Our King, hear our voices.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Jesu, Jesu" Red UM Hymnal #**432**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "Walk with Me" TFWS#**2242**

Refrain **Walk with me, I will walk with you,**
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

v. 4 - **And when you share your faith with me and work for life made new,**
The witness of your faithfulness calls me to walk with you.

Repeat Refrain

Postlude "Thou, O Lord, Shall Endure" by Herbek
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Church of the Good Shepherd Announcements

Blood Pressure Screening TODAY in the Lounge. No reservation is required. We recommend having your cup of coffee ***after*** your screening for better results.

New & Transfer Members Orientation is being offered today at 11:45 am in the Library with Pastor Eva.

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.)*

Shepherds Fellowship is planning a social outing for **Thursday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm** to enjoy an evening at Pasadena's **A Noise Within Theater** for the performance of ***Come From Away.*** This is based on the true story of the folks in Gander, Newfoundland who opened their community to care for the thousands of Americans stranded in the aftermath of 9/11. Ticket purchases on your own. If you would like to join a group of us for dinner at El Torito, and/or need a ride, contact Margaret Blair.

The Adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets in the Library at 9:00 am. Kim Reynolds is teaching on the Book of James.

Save the date! Saturday, October 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 pm is our annual Trunk or Treat event! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come for a fun, safe celebration of Halloween. One way to participate is by parking in our line-up in the west parking lot, decorating your vehicle and handing out treats to the trick-or-treaters. It's not too early to reserve your space. Spread the word! Contact Lynne or Vern Whitaker vlwhit@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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. 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.