Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 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 "Sleepers Wake" J. S. Bach
Secondi String Ensemble

The Chimes

Introit "This Is the Day" arr. J. L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Call to Worship** *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*

One: Quiet your mind, still your restlessness.

Many: Let us prepare ourselves for worship, and come before God.

One: Warm your heart, stir up your spirit.

Many: Let us center ourselves in his love, and come before God.

One: Open your eyes, see the smiles of your neighbors.

Many: Let us fall into step with each other this morning, and come before God.

***Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" Red UM Hymnal **#145**

The Word for Children

Anthem "Holy, Holy, Holy" Kevin McChesny
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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 Lessons Psalm 125 *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*

*Luke 19:11-27

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 "Builders for Christ: Investing Wisely" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. Roger Emerson
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Red UM Hymnal **#526**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

Postlude "Air" George Frederick Handel
Secondi String Ensemble

***The congregation standing, if able.*

The Chancel Flowers this morning are:

*In memory of **Janet Van Kirk** by her family.*

*In celebrate of **Kathleen Ellison's** birthday.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please continue to sign-in before worship. Masks are recommended inside.

Welcome Sunday is October 2! Please see insert!

Trunk or Treat on Halloween! Many thanks to all those who have already signed up for Trunk or Treat. We have a great group and will have a lot of fun entertaining the children in our area. Of course, we can use more people, so if you would like to join our spirited event on Halloween night, Monday, October 31, call Lynne or Vern Whitaker (626-446-7860).

The Worship Committee will meet after church today **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!

Children's Choir at CGS will start rehearsals this morning after church. 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, October 9, 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Lounge. Sign up after church at the Health Ministries table or call the church office (626-447-2181). This is the regular dose vaccine. It is recommended that seniors receive the high dose vaccine available at local pharmacies and your MD's office. Non-church members and visitors are welcome! For ease of administration, please wear a short-sleeved top.

The Good Shepherd Children's Center will be having their "Back to School" Event on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 5-8 pm. Come help celebrate their 50th Year Anniversary!

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

For people who wish to donate financially, you can drop off cash or checks in the church office during the week or at the Sarah Circle/UWF table on Sunday, October 2. You can also donate to "Foothill Unity Center Hygiene Kits" on the "Giving" page of the church website (CGSUM.org)

The Gift Shop at USC-Arcadia Hospital is in need of volunteers for the 1-5 PM shifts, Mon - Fri. The proceeds from the Gift Shop help fund the Spiritual Care Dept., which is a vital part of patient care. If volunteers are not secured, the hospital will need to have paid staff during those times, and the proceeds will pay for those paid staff members instead of funding the Spiritual Care Dept. If you are interested, contact the Volunteer Department, (626)574-3646, or apply through the USC-Arcadia Hospital Volunteer Opportunities website.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
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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.