Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Labor Day Weekend

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, September 4, 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 "Come, Thou Fount" arr. Eugene Englert

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organist

The Chimes

Introit "Ich folge christo nach," from *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen,* BWV 12 J.S. Bach

Kirk Averitt, Soloist, Chancel Choir Director

Song is sung in German, so here is the English translation:

I follow after Christ,
I do not want to leave him
in prosperity and adversity
in living and dying
I kiss Christ's shame,
I want to embrace his cross.
I follow after Christ,
I do not want to leave him.

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Call to Worship** (Written by Michael Morgan) *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

Many: Before we move or think or speak, you know our actions and our words.

One: You breathed life into us, and shaped us in human form to serve your purpose and sing your praise.

Many: We praise you for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and expectancy, of lineage and legacy.

One: How wonderful are your thoughts, O God!

Many: How vast is the expanse of your grace and love!

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

***Opening Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" Red UM Hymnal **#98**

The Word for Children **Children Are Invited to Come Sit in the Front*

Unison Prayer

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem "The Call from Five Mystical Songs" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Kirk Averitt, Soloist, Chancel Choir Director

Scripture Lessons Psalm 139:1-6 *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

*Luke 14:25-33

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Red UM Hymnal **#328**

Sermon Message "Builders for Christ: Laboring in Love" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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***Hymn of Invitation** "I Come With Joy" Red UM Hymnal **#617 vs. 1-3**

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The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the prepackaged elements that should be eaten in the courtyard after worship

The Prayer After Receiving

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Trust and Obey" Red UM Hymnal **#467**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Martin

Stephen Cook, Music Director, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in memory of **Mark Syverson 's** September 3rd birthday by his mother and brother, **Fran and Steve Syverson**.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Reminder to all: Please continue to check in before worship and wear masks while indoors. Masks are currently recommended here at Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Offering Box is located in the narthex as you enter or exit the Sanctuary. All are welcome to place their Sunday offering and tithes in this box.

Coffee Fellowship is currently on hold due to the rise in Covid cases.

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.

All Church Workday on September 10 (Saturday from 8am-12noon). Come help prepare the church for Welcome Sunday. It's time to clean the windows, wipe down the rails, dust off the cobwebs, vacuum the pew cushions, and much more both inside and outside! Feel free to bring your own cleaning supplies. Coffee, juice, and pastries will be provided.

Welcome Sunday, September 11 (10am-12noon). Invite family and friends to join us for a wonderful day of worship and activities! The 10:00am worship service will be filled with music from our Chancel Choir; special liturgy and a moment of silence in memory of 9/11; a new sermon series message from Pastor Eva; and the joining of new members. See insert.

In September, the **Women's Book Group** will read and discuss American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Please join us on Wednesdays at noon in the Church Library.

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.

Current Worship Guidelines for Church:

1. Masks are currently recommended for all due to the new instances of Covid.
2. Worship check-in continues near the courtyard sanctuary entrance.
3. Seating is still 3 feet apart (families and close individuals may sit together).
4. Offering Box will remain in the narthex for safe collection.

Shepherds Summer Barbeque

When: Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00-PM.
Location: The Steinmeier home
Must Bring: Your own meat or protein to barbeque and one potluck dish to share.
Choose One to Bring: Appetizer, salad, or dessert and let Leslie Kenan know what you will bring. If we are out of balance with dishes, you may be asked to make a change.
Dishes/Utensils: Please bring serving utensils for your potluck dishes. The Steinmeier's will provide plates, cups, and flatware as well and water and iced tea.
Reply to: Contact Leslie Kenan by September 12th only if you are coming:

Parenting the Love and Logic Way - Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful.
When: Six Lessons beginning on Sunday September 11, 2022, and ending on October 16, 2022, Time: 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd. Cost:$25 per participant (We encourage parenting couples to both attend) Includes workbook for each and Childcare provided for all. Register and pay fee online at CGSUM.ORG News & Events Education & Classes Parenting The 'Love And Logic' Way Register Online and Pay Online or stop by the church office and fill out a form and pay by check made out to Church of the Good Shepherd. Put "Parenting Class" on the memo line.

The Church Office and the Children's Center will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day

Please remember the Church in your will.

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.