Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025 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 silent mode.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Ride On, King Jesus" arr. Sprunger
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Catherine Youngblood
All Choirs; Kirk Averitt, Carolyn Noonchester, Janice Clarke, and Diane Lucas, Directors

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(Adapted from Worship Offerings by Rev. Gord))* *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

Leader: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.
People: From hope to despair to hope again.

Leader: God, be with us as we join the crowd full of joyful Hosannas.
People: Guide us to cut through the noise and know what is at stake.

Leader: God, as the Passion story unfolds,
People: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait for the Resurrection.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Red UM Hymnal #**158**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front*

Anthem "Holy, Holy, Holy, Hosanna! arr. Scholtes
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 "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris
Chancel Choir; Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Natalie Poole, Lay Reader*

Psalm 118:19-24
*Luke 19:28-40

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Red UM Hymnal #**277**

Sermon "Symbols of Lent: Cloaks of Respect" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" from Handel's Messiah
Garrison Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *(v. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**280**

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

***Benediction Response** "Song of Hope" TFWS Songbook #**2186**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***Postlude** "We Sing of God by Lani Smith
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able*



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Holy Week

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

- ***with Holy Communion and Crown of Prayers***

EASTR SUNDAY, April 20th

- ***6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard***
- ***10:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary***
- ***11:15 am Coffee & Refreshments Fellowship***
- ***Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard!***

It's time to reserve your spot for our **80th Anniversary Celebration! RSVP by May 1st.** Go to the church website (cgsum.org) and book your seat, then pay online through the Giving Page (preferred). Or you may book and pay following Sunday Services or at the church office. Note that payment *must* accompany reservation as seats are limited.

The Youth will be selling **SSP Stock today** after worship to support their summer 2025 mission trip.

The **Book Club** is reading its new selection, **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post,** They meet **Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Lounge.**

May 3rd is the date for the **Walk for Sierra Service Project.** The Youth and Catherine Doster are signing up donors and walkers after worship on April 13th, 20th, and 27th. Entry is $30 per individual. Donations from non-walkers are gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support that gives our youth this important mission experience

Church Spring Cleaning will be on **Sunday, May 18** after worship. Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify our church. Lunch will be provided.

Adult Sunday School Class: Don Thorsen is leading the series entitled **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Jesus (But Were Afraid to Ask)".** It is a study what Scripture has to say about Jesus, and why Christians sometimes prefer to think of Jesus differently than what is said in Scripture. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.**

2025 Pledge Cards are available in the narthex before worship and in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Cards may be placed in the offering box in the Sanctuary entryway or dropped off to the church mailbox anytime.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received, please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. t:o **The Word** editor, Stephanie Shen at cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com by 3:00 pm Fridays. And for **Master Calendar** requests or changes, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com and please allow time for response.

Please note that the Church Office will be closed on April 17th and 18th.

Upcoming Events!

April 18th - Good Friday Chapel Service (7:00 pm)
April 20th - Easter Sunday Services and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
May 3rd - Annual Walk-a-thon
May 18th - Church Spring Cleaning
June 1st - 80th Anniversary Event with 10:00 am Worship,
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30 pm Luncheon

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 Brow

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.