Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 30, 2023 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.

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. Hamm
Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "Open" by Judith Silver
Youth Choir, Janice Clark, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 23) *Elle Quismorio, Lay Reader*

One: Come, walk in green pastures.
Many: We follow the Shepherd.

One: Come, lie down in green pastures.
Many: We trust the Shepherd.

One: Come, dine at the table of abundance.
Many: We are fed by the Shepherd.

One: Come, dwell in God's house.
Many: We live in the Shepherd's care.

***Opening Hymn** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" Black TFWS Songbook #**2128**

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

Anthem "He is Exalted" arr. Ryan
Youth Bell Choir, Carolyn Noonchester Director

Prayer Confession and Lord's Prayer

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth.

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 *Elle Quismorio, Lay Reader*

Psalm 23

*Acts 2:42-47

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
Black TFWS Songbook **#2223**

Sermon Message "The Power of Possibilities for the Whole Community"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Anthem Response "Go Ye Into All the World" arr. Jean Ann Shafferman
Youth Choir, Janice Clark Director, Franklyn Shen Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn – 2 Times** "We Are All One in Mission" Black TFWS Songbook **#2243**

***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 separate 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.

Postlude "Majesty" by Jack Hayford
Franklyn Shen, Piano

***The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers today are given by Vince Pang in celebration of Susanna Pang's baby and by Harry and Connie Heflin in honor of their loving family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

WHAT IS A DEACONESS? You are invited to join our United Women in Faith Zoom meeting on **Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 pm** for our business meeting and program. Deaconess Sharon McCart, of the Cal Pac Conference UWF, will present our program, "What is a Deaconess?" Deaconesses are an active part of UWF and the UMC, but what does that mean, what do they do, and what has been her focus? Zoom link below.
.https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85851309033?pwd=Snd3cnRXam5FenQ5WXYrQVNOSTFCQT09

Next Sunday, May 7th (after worship – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm) is the **New Members Class** for those interested in joining or transferring to Church of the Good Shepherd. Pastor Eva will review Methodist History, Membership Vows, Church Structure, and CGS ministries. Please RSVP to Pastor Eva if you would like to attend (pastoreva@cgsum.org).

Shepherds' Meeting on Tuesday, May 9thPP will feature a representative from The Bargain Box, an Arcadia thrift store, explaining their mission. It will be a traditional potluck. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at church, call her at 626-446-7860, or email her at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer a food assignment, or she will give you one.

Attention high school seniors, we would like to celebrate your accomplishments! Please let us know the high school you are graduating from, your future plans, any accomplishments and honors you would like to share, and your favorite memory of being a part of CGS. Please email the information and a picture of yourself to Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) **by Sunday, May 21st** to be included in our announcement. Congratulations!

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, just enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office (626-447-2181). Cost is **$60**. Make your check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. Or you may pay online through the church website.

Year-Round Grant Applications for 2023 are Being Accepted by the CGS Foundation. The purpose of grants must be *"aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions and progress to the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia"* It's a quick and simple process. Submit your application online using the **Foundation Online Grant Form.**

Reminder that checks to the church should be made out to ***Church of the Good Shepherd.*** Our bank will not accept "CGS" as the payee. Please also indicate the purpose of the check in your memo line.

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, please contact Carolyn Noonchester at **cgsmastercalendar@gmail.com** and please allow time for response as we are working on improving the church calendar system.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
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.