Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025 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 Chapel entryway.

Prelude "There is No Name So Sweet" arr. Colvin
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "May this be the Place" by Andrew Culverwell

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Lisa Hancock, Discipleship June 2024)
Diane Lucas, Lay Reader

Leader: People of God, for the sake of joy, we gather.
People: We gather to worship, to encounter grace and to grow in faith.
Leader: People of God, for the sake of joy, we proclaim the word of God.
People: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community.
Leader: People of God, for the sake of joy, we respond
People: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God serving his Kingdom.

***Opening Hymn** "All Who Love and Serve Your City" *(vs. 1, 2 & 5)*
Red UM Hymnal #**433**

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

**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.

Scripture Lesson *Diane Lucas, Lay Reader*
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word" Red UM Hymnal #**601**

Sermon "God's Word: A Fire and a Hammer" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "I Will Rise" by Chris Tomlin
Leanne Baroldi, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Do Lord, Remember Me" Red UM Hymnal #**527**

***Benediction Response** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (vs. 1 & 3)
TFWS Songbook #**2241**

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

***Postlude** "Postlude in G major" by J.C. Bach
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today are in memory of the birthday of Florence "Flo" Lucas, given by Craig Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Bevel Coffee cart will be serving hot and cold coffee or tea drinks today following worship.

Don't miss the opportunity to increase your tech knowledge! See insert for a full description of the **Tech Duck Class** being offered **next Sunday, August 24 at 11:30 am in the Library.**

New Church Office Hours Beginning Monday, September 8th! The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and closed on Fridays.

The California-Pacific Conference Foundation has chosen CGS to participate in an event led by the **Lily School of Philanthropy's Lake Institute on Faith Giving** which will be held in **September.** Pastor Eva and a team will attend and share their experience and information with us. To prepare for the training, they are requesting information from church members. Please see and fill out the form in this week's Word and drop in the offering box (or email to Pastor Eva). Further survey questions will be included in the coming weeks, along with a list of our participating team members.

The Book Group has resumed and meets on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Music Room.** The current book is The 6:20 Man. Join in the discussion!

The half year **Giving Statements** have gone out via email and post mail to those without email. Pledge commitments may be made at any time. Contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) or 626-447-2181) for card or more info.

The recent **flooding in Texas** has devastated communities there. To contribute to the recovery efforts, checks may be made out to the **Rio Texas Conference** (marked for Advance #2050) and mailed to Rio Texas Conference, 16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248. Also, online giving information is on riotexas.org.

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library – Our study is the book of Galatians and will run through the summer. NT Wright's Galatians Bible Study Guide is available in class. This series started off under the leadership of Kim Reynolds. We will rotate leadership throughout the summer. Copies of the study guide will be available in class.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff.

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.

Upcoming Events

- **September 14th - Heritage and Communion Sunday – return to Sanctuary**
- **September 28th = Fall Festival (food, Crafters Fair, games, music and more)!**
- **October 5th - Crafters Fair continues**
- **October 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat**

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

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.