Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Hughes
Stephen Cook

Chimes

Introit "Sobo" from "Haitian Dances" by Ludovic Lamothe/arr. Frantz Casséus
Michel Von Loh, Guitar

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 20, 2025)*
Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader

Leader: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.
People: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed, but to be welcomed and embraced.
Leader: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.
People: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
Leader: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.
People: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn** "God of Love and God of Power Red UM Hymnal #**578**

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 *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "How Shall They Hear the Word of God"
Red UM Hymnal #**649**

Sermon "The Word of God: Fear and Joy" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Garoto (Choro)" for Solo Guitar
by Antônio Carlos Jobim/ arr. Paulo Bellinati
Michel Von Loh

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
Red UM Hymnal #**333**

***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 Mixolydian Mode" by David Lasky
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers today celebrate Diane Lucas's birthday, given by Craig Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Don't miss the **Tech Duck Class today, 11:30 am – 12:15 pm in the Library!** *See insert.*

SARAH CIRCLE/UWF will hold its regular meeting Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library. Our guest speaker will be Cindy Ostry from the Children's Center. We will also be discussing plans for an All-Church luncheon on October 19th and our November Thanksgiving feast.

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. Looking for volunteers to cover the phones during 12:30-1:30 pm hour. Let the office know if you are interested, or speak with Pastor Eva.

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.