Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
8th Sunday after Pentecost and Heritage Communion Sunday

Sunday, August 3, 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 "Aria Pastorella" by Valentin Rathgeber
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: God, our creator and parent, we gather today in your holy house.
People: Open our minds, our souls, and our hearts.
Leader: God, our guide and our protector, lead us with your gentle wisdom.
People: Help us to follow you and serve you faithfully.
Leader: God, our sustainer and redeemer, draw us into your secret spaces.
People: And may we dwell with you and in you always. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" *(vs. 1, 2 & 6)*
Red UM Hymnal #**549**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance ***(adapted from Calvin Institute June 2006)***

O Master, great and awesome God. You never waver in your covenant commitment, never give up on those who love you and do what you say. Yet we have sinned, done evil things, rebelled, dodged and taken detours around your clearly marked paths. Compassion is our only hope, the compassion of you, our God. Turn your ears our way, God, and listen. Open your eyes and take a long look at us, your people named after you. Save us through your love. Through Christ, your Lamb, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music "Known" by Tauren Wells
Ethan Flores, Solo with Guitar

Scripture Lessons *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Psalm 73:21-26
*Luke 12:13-21
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "It is Well with My Soul" Red UM Hymnal #**377**

Sermon "A Soul Rich for God" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Offertory Prayer & Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Communion Setting" TFWS #**2257 – a thru d**

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Come Let Us Sweetly Join" Red UM Hymnal #**699**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Red UM Hymnal **#431**

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** "Trumpet Postlude" by James Southbridge
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are given celebration of Addie (Adrienne) Lucas's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the hall today after worship! Bevel Coffee Cart will be serving drinks, and the Chancel Choir are this month's hosts.

Reminder that worship services will move to the Chapel next Sunday. Youth will lead us and there will be a **BBQ after worship.**

VBS Report - We had a great VBS at CGS this year! Nineteen children ages 3 years to entering 5th grade attended. We also had 22 middle school, high school and college age volunteers (ages from entering 6th grade to senior year of college). There were 10 adult volunteer leaders. We served dinner each night, without a kitchen on campus. Our theme was Cokesbury's "Road Trip, on the go with God". This theme taught us all that God is with us wherever we go, when we are following him, when we go off course, when we are joyful, when we are lonely, wherever we are! We ended the week with the invitation of parents and families to come join us for our closing and a special dessert, which this year was cupcakes! Thank you to all the youth and adults that helped make this week a fun experience for the children! Your talent, time and energy is greatly appreciated! - Cindy Ostry, Christian Education Chairperson.

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.

Follow us on Social Media! Yes, church news, photos, etc. are available on Instagram (@GoodShepherdArcadia) and Twitter/X (@GoodShepherdArc), as well as Facebook at our usual URL. See the newsletter for the QR codes.

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!

- **August 3rd - Church Council Meeting**
- **August 9th - Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game**
- **August 10th - Special Youth Led Service and BBQ Fellowship**
- **Plus - Summer Worship in the Chapel (August 10-September 7)**

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.