Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter

Sunday, April 9, 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 "Allegretto" by Arcanagello Corelli
Brass Quartet and Stephen Cook, Organ

The Chimes *Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Conductor*

Introit "Christ Is Risen" by Jan Sanborn
Brass Quartet, Organ and Chancel Choir

Words of Welcome *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing of the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

One: Alleluia, He is Risen!

Many: He is Risen indeed!

One: The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

Many: All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.

One: The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead.

Many: And the new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

All: Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Red UM Hymnal **#302**

The Word for Children

Anthem **"**Come, People of the Risen King!" arr. Scholes
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Conductor

Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, the world despised and rejected you. You responded with grace, humility, and welcome. The proud questioned your power, devised your death. You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life. Forgive us, Merciful One: our arrogance, our selfishness, our scheming, our violence. Forgive us Merciful One: we are like them, make us like you. We claim your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness. We claim your resurrection power: Dying, you destroy our death, Rising, you restore our life. You come now with saving power. Alleluia. Amen.

(adapted from Prayer of Confession and Pardon for Easter ©2022 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia)

Anthem "The Glory of Christ" by K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet and Organ

Scripture Lessons *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-21
*Matthew 28:1-10

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "He Lives" Red UM Hymnal **#310**

The Message "Letting Go of Fear and Living in Joy" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Beethoven, arr. Maddux
Sue Holder, Soprano; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Prayer of Dedication: The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

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

***Closing Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" Red Hymnal **#159**

As we sing, you may come forward to join the choir for the response

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

***Benediction Response** "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F.Handel

***Postlude** "Finale" Francesco Manfredini
Brass Quartet and Stephen Cook, Organ

****The congregation standing, if able.***

Special thanks to our Brass Quartet this morning: Patrick Lenertz, Ryan Deweese, Tatiana Giesler, and Michael Beltran.

The Brass Quartet appearance is made possible by a generous donation from Fran Syverson and Steve Syverson.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Shepherds' April meeting this Tuesday the 11th will feature our soprano section leader, Sue Holder, who will talk about her family's careers. 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 for a food assignment or she will give you one.

Family Promise Fundraiser is April 15th (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) The Walking Group will be signing up walkers and donors in the courtyard after worship. Registration is only $25 per person and includes a bib, food, water, and opportunity drawings for donated items from local businesses.

Parents' Night Out – Saturday, April 15th, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This event is sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd Christian Education Committee and Girl Scout Troop 2631. A **FREE** babysitting event for children ages 2 years to 5th grade. It will be in Jordan Hall. Crafts, games, singing and dancing, as well as dinner, are included.

"Parenting The Love and Logic Way" begins April 16th (for six Sundays, through May 21st) from 3-4:30 p.m. Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. The cost is $25 per participant and includes a workbook. **Childcare will be provided.** You may register and pay online by going to the website at: https://cgsum.org/events/classes.

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.

Happy Easter!

In the courtyard after worship, we will have:
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship and Refreshments in the Hall,
and the Blooming Flower Cross.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Siosaia Tuitahi
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.