Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 2024 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 "Hymn of Promise" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "All That Hath Life and Breath" Rene Clausen

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(Inspired by Psalm 99)* *Catherine Doster, Lay Reader*

One: Let us praise the great and wondrous name of the Lord our God!
Many: The Lord our God is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.

One: Let us praise the great and wondrous name of the Mighty One.
Many: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.

One: Let us praise the great and wondrous name of the Everlasting God.
Many: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise be to God!

***Opening Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Red UM Hymnal **#64**

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

Anthem "Peace Ringing" Jeffrey Honore
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director, Garrison Holder, Soloist

Unison Prayer *(Wesley Covenant Prayer)*

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. The covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

The 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.

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Stephen Cook
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Catherine Doster, Lay Reader*

Psalm 50:1-6

*Mark 9:2-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" Red UM Hymnal **#258**

Sermon Message "The Gift of Covenant" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Blessing" Laura Story
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Red UM Hymnal #B2173
***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" arr. Carter

Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel Flowers this morning are given in memory of Frances "Jim" Wright's birthday by Suzanne Wright.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Let us keep the family of **Florence Kovacic** in our prayers. She passed away peacefully this week. The memorial service will be held on **Monday, February 19th in the Sanctuary** at **11:00 am**. Donations in her memory may be given to Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church or Foothill Unity. Please note Florence Kovacic memorial in the memo line.

Today we will join other conference churches in **celebrating CST Sunday**. This includes collecting a special offering for the Seminary. Many of our church's clergy or lay members graduated from Claremont School of Theology! See insert for more information.

Shepherds will meet this Tuesday evening, **February 13th at 6:00 pm for Potluck in Jordan Hall.** The program will be presented by member Harry Heflin.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on February 14th.** Join us in the chapel for the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm.

Panera Fundraiser is coming on **Leap Day, February 29th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm!** UWF/Sarah Circle is sponsoring this event. Proceeds (25% of sales) will go to our various mission projects. Check out the flyer in The Word.

The CGS Staff Pastor-Parish Relations Committee serves in the capacity of a Human Resources Board for the church. It oversees hiring, reviewing and support for the 18 people on staff and 1 Senior Pastor. See more in this week's The Word.

2024 Altar Flowers – The new cost for flowers beginning in 2024 is **$65**. Payment is via check, cash or online. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with "Flowers" in the memo line. To place your request, please contact Suzanne Wright in the church office by phone, or email: swright@cgsum.org. Orders go to florist on Thursdays

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.

Book and Bible Study Groups at CGS !

- Wednesday Women's Book Group – 11:30 am in person or online
- Men's Study Group – Thursdays at 7:30 am via Zoom
- Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes – 10:15 am
- ROI-Adults 30s-50s – meets 2 Sundays/month at 11:30 am in person
- Coming in March – an Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am

SAVE THE DATES!

Ash Wednesday, February 14th – 7 pm Worship Service in the Chapel
Palm Sunday – March 24th – Special Choir Concert
Easter Sunday - March 31st - featuring:
6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard led by UMYF
10:00 am Traditional Service with Brass Musicians

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.