Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday After Epiphany and President's Weekend

Sunday, February 16, 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 "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Porter
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "Holy, Holy, Holy" by John B. Dykes
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 1) *Chris Zessau, Lay Reader*

Leader: We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,
People: Because you have kept us from a destructive path.

Leader: We give thanks because Your word gives us hope,
People: And we reflect on Your word at all times.

Leader: You are the Source of deep seated faith,
People: And our spirits are refreshed in your presence! Amen!

***Opening Hymn** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" Red UM Hymnal #**67**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

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.

Anthem "As the Rain" by John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Chris Zessau, Lay Reader*

Psalm 1:1-3
*Luke 6:17-19
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "There is a Balm in Gilead" Red UM Hymnal #**375**

Sermon "Gathering with the Crowd" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "The Master's Voice" arr. DeFord
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" Red UM Hymnal #**596**

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

***Benediction Response** "May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS #**2281**

May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

***Postlude** "Dialogue" by Adriano Branchieri
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Larry Jelinek by Sandra and Lauren Jelinek.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Fire Victims Assistance

Target Gift Cards

We are collecting Target gift cards for clothing and other immediate needs items. Please send gift cards of any denomination to the conference office for distribution: Denyse Barnes, c/o California-Pacific Annual Conference, P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena, CA 91102-6006.

Monetary Donations

We have set up a special fund – the Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund – where you can contribute directly towards relief and recovery from the effects of the winds and firestorms this week: www.calpacumc.org/donate.

Check donations payable to the California-Pacific Conference can be mailed to California-Pacific Conference, Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund, P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena CA 91102.

The 2024 giving statements were emailed out on Friday the 24th and were mailed out the same day. Contact the church office (626)447-2181 if you have not received your copy.

2025 Pledge Cards are available in the narthex before worship and in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Cards may be placed in the offering box in the Sanctuary entryway or dropped off to the church mailbox anytime.

New Adult Sunday School Series: The Bible Through a Historical and Faith Lens has begun this week. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.** This overview of the Bible uses Hebrews 11 as our table of contents. Discover how history and faith are intertwined.

June 1st, 2025 is the Church of the Good Shepherd's 80th Anniversary Celebration! Be sure to read the write-up in The Word highlighting the beginning of our church in May of 1945. There will be more articles as we prepare for this very special celebration.

S**CAM Alert!** Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received, please contact the church office.

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!

February 16th - 23rd - Family Promise Hosting
March 9th - United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
March 30th - Combined Choir Concert "Faure Requiem"
June 1st - 80th Anniversary Event!

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.