Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 18, 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 "Day by Day" arr. Porter
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Paul Christiansen

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, brothers and sisters, let us worship together.
People: We are gathered to worship God in whom we place our trust!
Leader: God, who does all things well, is here among his people.
People: God is merciful, and God is kind!
Leader: We are thankful for his covenant fulfilled through his Son, Jesus Christ.
People: We enter into this season of Lent with reflection, repentance, and prayer.

***Opening Hymn** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Red UM Hymnal **#399**

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

Prayer of Confession *(adapted from Philippians 1:19-26)* *Unison*

Yes God, I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my salvation. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way but that by my speaking with all boldness Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus. 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 "Dove Over Jordan" by Malcom Williamson
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*

Genesis 9:8-17
*Mark 1:8-15
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Red UM Hymnal **#420**

Sermon Message "Loving God With All Mind, Heart, Soul, and Strength" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Ancient Words" by Lynn DeShazo
Kirk Averitt and Kenneth Landaverde, Soloists; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" Red UM Hymnal **#61**

***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 "Dialogue" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook

***The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of her cousin, Martha Garcia, by Lynne Rivera.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Adult Sunday School began today in the **Library.** It is being led by Carolyn Iga and Don Thorsen, co-teaching the classes and will run from **9:00-9:45 am.** They are beginning with a study of the Book of Philippians. For more information, contact Carolyn (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu).

Florence Kovacic's memorial service will be held tomorrow **at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.** 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.

The **Children's Center** is having a **Blaze Pizza fundraiser on February 22nd, 4-8:00 pm.** You may order online through the Blaze Pizza App, online via blazepizza.com and insert the code **1333A**, or in person with the flyer (in The Word and the narthex) and pick up at the branch at **815 W. Naomie Ave., Unit C, Arcadia.**

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 The Word for list of current members.

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
- Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am

SAVE THE DATES!
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.