Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday After Epiphany and Heritage Communion Sunday

Sunday, February 2, 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 "Prelude in E Major WTC I" by J.S Bach
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "We Gather Together" by Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.
People: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

Leader: Let every soul sing God's praises!
People: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

Leader**:** Praise the King of glory who guides our lives!
People: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Red UM Hymnal #**139**

Anthem "Joyfully Sing" by Allen Pote
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director, Janice Clark, Accompanist

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Prayer of Confession (from Waiting for Water: Liturgy for the Journey 2013)

God, we do not understand Jesus, the prophet. We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor, the oppressed, the prisoners. Forgive us for being insulated and isolated. Open our hearts to the poor and help us to love them as you love them, working to bring in the good news of the reign of God. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem "O Lord, How Can We Know Thee?" by Ron Nelson
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Janice Clark, Lay Reader*

Psalm 24:7-10
*Luke 4:31-37

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 "Gathering in His Presence of Authority" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "We Gather Together" arr. Susan Holder
Stephenson Holder, Soloist

***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** "How Shall They Hear the Word of God" Red UM Hymnal #**649**

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

***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 Dialogue Recesssional" by Alice Jordan
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The flowers this morning are in loving memory of Dean Sansui, given by Maria, Reumruk and Dylan.

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.

Sarah Circle/UWIF's next meeting is February 6th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We're having a painting party! Mary Archibald is teaching us how to paint flowers. Join us for this fun evening. Please bring $5 for supplies. We will have a short meeting preceding the program and refreshments will be served.

Shepherds Fellowship invites you and your friends to a presentation in Fellowship Hall given by the **Arcadia Police Department K-9 Program on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm.** Please arrive by 6:15 pm. The program will cover how dogs are chosen, trained and assigned to specific tasks. There will be baskets available to donate (cash or check) to the Arcadia Police Foundation which helps support the K-9 unit and other non-budgeted items.

Family Promise Hosting will be February 15th through the 23rd. Volunteers are needed for set up crew, dinners, overnighters, etc. See the article in The Word for details. We will also be hosting again May 18th through the 25th.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** 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. t:o **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 6th - Sarah Circle
February 11th - Shepherds Fellowship with Arcadia Police K-9 Presentation
March 9th - United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
March 30th - Combined Choir Concert "Faure Requiem"

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.