Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 23, 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 "This is My Father's World" by Franklin Sheppard; arr. Keveren
Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "Open" by Judith Silver
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Nicholas Ng and Katie Lee, Lay Readers*

Leader #1: Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."
People: To love our friends and enemies, family and strangers.

Leader #2: Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful."
People: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Leader #1: Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
People: To recognize when we need to let go, and to offer love in place of hate.

Leader #2 : Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us with mercy and compassion.
People: Come, let us worship God together. Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn** "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS Black Songbook *#**2008**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Anthem "Joyful, Joyful" arr. Lamb
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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 "Alleluia" by J.L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lessons *Nicholas Ng and Katie Lee, Lay Readers*
Psalm 37:1-4
*Luke 6:27-31
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "As the Deer" TFWS Black Songbook #**2025**

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

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS Black Songbook #**2171**

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

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

***Postlude** "The Church's One Foundation" by Samuel Wesley

Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The **Campus Gates and Panels** have been installed. The gates will be open on Sundays for worship and also during the week for any church ministry event. Currently, the Pastor and Staff have the keys. Gate codes are available for church leaders later in February.

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. 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.

The **80th Anniversary Committee** will meet on **February 26 (Wednesday 12:30-2:30 pm).** Committee Co-Chairs Penny Hoover and Leslie Kenan and committee members will plan the worship service and luncheon for our June 1st Celebration Event! Please contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you would like to serve on the committee.

Free Blood Pressure Screening will be provided by Health Ministries next **Sunday, March 2nd in the Lounge** following worship.

United Women in Faith will be hosting a Fundraiser at **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** on **Thursday, Marh 20th from 4-9:00 pm.** Flyer coming soon.

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 Methodism. There will be more articles as we prepare for this very special celebration.

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.

SCAM 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!

March 2nd - Blood Pressure Screening
March 5th - Ash Wednesday
(Ashes on the Go 7-9:00 am and Chapel Service 7:00 pm)
March 9th - United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
March 20th - UWIF Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant
March 23rd - Scouting Ministry 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.