Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 25, 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 "Spirit Song" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

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

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*

Leader 1: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus we follow?
People: He is the Messiah, our Lord and Savior!

Leader 2: Lenten travelers, what kind of Messiah is Jesus?
People: He is the Messiah that calls us to follow him and be redeemed.

Leader 1: Lenten travelers, why is following him so difficult?
People: The journey can be filled with fear, hesitancy, and lack of faith.

Leader 2: Lenten travelers, the blessing is that we do not travel it alone.
People: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another!

***Opening Hymn** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" Black Songbook #**2103**

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

Anthem "Bound for Glory" by Judith Silver
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Pastoral Prayer and 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 "Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name" by Brazeal W. Dennard
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director, Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lessons *Isabelle Chan and Sarah Veeraraj, Lay Readers*

Genesis 5:1-5, 15-16 *Sarah Veeraraj*

*Mark 1:8-31-38 *Isabelle Chan*

Leaders: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Cry of My Heart" Black Songbook #**2165**

Sermon Message "Loving God With All Your Mind" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Walk With Me" Black Songbook #**2242**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" 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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Kerr
Stephen Cook

***The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

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

Grief Support Group - Another round of our grief support group series is returning. Meetings will begin on Monday, **March 4th** in the **AEC from 7-8:00 pm** and run for 10 weeks, ending May 13th. (No class on April 1st.) Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead this support group. The group will gather in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.

Time Change Sunday is March 10th! - Remember ***Spring Forward*** and to set your clocks ahead Saturday before going to sleep. UWFaith will be collecting for missions before and after worship. Look for the ladies with the **Yellow Buckets** and add your spare change.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD!

- **Holy Communion Sunday - March 3rd**
- **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**

Ministry: Sr. Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, and 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.