# Church of the Good Shepherd

## United Methodist

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 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** "He Knows My Name" by T. Walker, arr. M. Kim
*Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Piano*

**The Chimes**

**Introit** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Lanny Wolfe

**Welcome and Greeting** *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

**Passing the Peace**

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

Leader: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?
**People: Speak, Lord, your faithful people are listening.**

Leader: The hands of God beckon us! Are you ready?
**People: Show us, Lord, your faithful people are paying attention.**

Leader: The love of God invites us! Are you able?
**All: Guide us, Lord, your faithful people will follow. Amen!**

***Opening Hymn** "Where He Leads Me" Red UM Hymnal **#338**

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

**Unison Prayer** *(Wesley Covenant Prayer)*

**"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. The covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. 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** "They Shall Soar Like Eagles" Laura Manzo
*Chancel Choir; Carolyn Noonchester, Directing;*
*Elsa Lozano, Flute; Franklyn Shen Accompanist*

**Scripture Lessons** Psalm 139:1-6 *Joe D'Amore, Lay Reader*
*John 1:43-51
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
**People: Thanks be to God**

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Word" Red UM Hymnal **#601**

**Sermon Message** "The Gift of Knowledge" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

**Anthem Response** "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte
*Garrison Holder, Soloist; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist*

**Announcements** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Red UM Hymnal **#519**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "The Trees of the Field" Black TFWS #**2279**

**(XX = Time to Clap!)**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace;**
**the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you;**
**there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**
**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands XX**
**the trees of the field will clap their hands XX**
**the trees of the field will clap their hands XX while you go out with joy.**

**Postlude** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" O. Holden

*Franklyn Shen, Piano*

***The congregation standing, if able.*

***Elsa Lozano's appearance made possible through the Pauline Poindexter Memorial Fund.***

## The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

**Pledge Update from the Finance Committee –** At the end of 2023 we did experience a shortfall of pledges completed. Revenue from pledges is the primary source of revenue in the annual budget. Please make sure you have turned in your 2024 pledge card. If you need another card to fill out, contact the church office. We can mail it or hold for you to pick up.

**Church Committees –** We are able to serve our church members and community through our members who volunteer. Consider being nominated to be part of one that interests you. There will be details coming in future newsletters. Our current committees are: Worship; Outreach; Christian Education; Health/Care Ministries; Fellowship Groups; ESL; Family Promise; Foundation; Staff Parish Relations; Finance; Trustees; and Communication/Innovation.

**Confirmation Class for High School Students** is now being offered. Youth Director Franklyn Shen will conduct classes Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour. There will be special sessions led by Pastor Eva, also. See Franklyn for the schedule. Youth completing this class will be confirmed in church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024!

**USC Arcadia Hospital Lectures** are being offered this month to the local community. First is titled 50+ Lecture: Understanding & Treating Head & Neck Ailments – Liyang Tang, MD. It will be held on Tuesday, January 16th from 12:30-1:30 pm, 375 Campus Dr., Arcadia. The next on is Health Lecture: Stay Active by Keeping Your Joints Health – James O'Dowd, MD. This will be presented on Wednesday, January 17th, 8:00-9:00 am, 501 Mountain Ave., Monrovia. Expanded details are in The Word.

**2024 Forum Series begins next Sunday, January 21st, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Jordan Hall.** The forum is on **Estate Planning 101** and will be led by Craig Lucas. (Sponsored by the Finance Committee.) There will be information on Advanced Health Care Directives, Beneficiary Designations, Estate Taxes, and more.

**Health Ministries providing Blood Pressure Screening Sunday, January 28 from 9:30 am–12 pm in the Lounge.** High blood pressure usually has no symptoms and must be measured to be detected. It is important to your health to be aware of your blood pressure and to seek appropriate treatment if necessary. Please wear a short-sleeved blouse or shirt so your blood pressure can accurately be measured. If you already have high blood pressure, please avoid any caffeinated beverages until after your blood pressure is measured.

**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.

**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.***