Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 28, 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 "It is Well With My Soul" arr. Walz
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "This is the Day" arr. J.L. Clark
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 111) *Kathleen Ng, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, let us praise God together in the company of his people.
Many: For the works of our God are unparalleled.

Leader: Everything he does reveals his power and majesty.
Many: Our God is full of grace and mercy.

Leader: And his righteousness never fails.
Many: So come and worship all who revere the Lord!

***Opening Hymn** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Red UM Hymnal **#152**

The Word for Children *Rev. Thai-Erwin*
**Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

Anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. Tucker
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 "Little David, Play Your Harp Emily Crocker
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lessons Psalm 111 *Kathleen Ng, Lay Reader*
*Mark 1:21-28
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Grace Alone" Black Songbook **#2162**

Sermon "The Gift of Wondrous Works" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "The Servant Song" Black Songbook #**2222**

***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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Hayes
Stephen Cook

Chancel Flowers today are given: in memory of Dean Sansui by Maria, Ruemruk and Dylan Sansui.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Contribution Letters for 2023 have been emailed this week, and post mailed to those without email access. You may also contact the church office to pick up a printed copy.

Church Committees – See the newsletter article highlighting the Finance Committee. Required by the Book of Discipline, this committee oversees Stewardship and finances of the church. Among its responsibilities is setting the annual budget, conducting pledge campaigns and monitoring income and expenses.

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

Confirmation Class for 8th – 12th Grade Students is now being offered. Youth Director Franklyn Shen is conducting classes Sunday mornings during Sunday School hour. Youth completing this class will be confirmed in church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024!

Today - Health Ministries providing Blood Pressure Screening through 12 noon in the Lounge. 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.

Lunar New Year Celebration – UWF and Sarah Circle invite you to see the Lion Dance Troupe from Plymouth Elementary School in Monrovia! They will perform in **Jordan Hall** this **Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 pm**. Refreshments will be served. The students are in a Dual Immersion program learning in both English and Mandarin. You can watch a fun student-made video on how the Chinese Zodiac animals were chosen by going to their website. (https://plymouth.monroviaschools.net). Select Mandarin Dual Immersion and scroll down to Lunar New Year Stop Motion Video.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

February 4th – 11th Family Promise Hosting
February 14th Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship Service in the Chapel
March 24th Palm Sunday Worship with Special Choir Concert
March 31st Easter Sunday featuring:
6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard
10:00 am traditional Sanctuary Service with Easter Brass Musicians

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.

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.