Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost and Fourth of July Weekend

Sunday, July 2, 2023 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 "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin; arr. Gary Prim
Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "Ride On, King Jesus" Shaw/Parker

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Andy Langford CTW, USA, 20th CENT)
Ken Blair, Lay Reader

One: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Many: Inspire our minds as men and women of your great lands.

One: May you give us the freedom and vision of truth and justice.
Many: May we use our liberty in accordance to your gracious will.

One: May you purify our hearts t receive your grace and mercy.
Many: And may we be united through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Opening Hymn** "America" Red UM Hymnal #**697**

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

Anthem "God is My Shepherd" Antonin Dvorak
Summer Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons Genesis 22:4-14 Ken Blair, *Lay Reader*
*Matthew 10:40-42
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" Red UM Hymnal **#67**

Sermon Message "The Vow to Share Gifts" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "You've Got a Friend" Carol King
Garrison Holder, Soloist and Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion **Red UM Hymnal pgs. 9-11**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited are invited to receive the wafer and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the elements.

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.

Hymn After Receiving "Glory Be to the Father" Red UM Hymnal **#70**

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** "For the Healing of the Nations" Red UM Hymnal **#428**

***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 "My Tribute" Andrae Crouch

Franklyn Shen, Piano

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers today are given in celebration of Lynne Rivera's retirement by Karen Schaefer and Suzanne Wright. Flowers are also given in memory of David Parmenter's birthday from his sister, Carin Parmenter-Hoffenberg, and her son, Jeff.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The church office will be **closed Tuesday, July 4th**. Happy Independence Day!

Note that next week's edition of **The Word** will be sent via email only due to the holiday.

Aloha Season has begun! We're all encouraged to wear Hawaiian, Aloha, or brightly colored clothing to worship.

Shepherds are going to barbecue at the home of David and Joann Steinmeier**. Our July meeting on the 11th** will be at 5563 Hallowell, Arcadia, at **6:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net or by other means by the 9th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one. You will need to bring your main dish to barbecue plus condiments if necessary. You will not need dishes. Water and ice tea will be served, but you can augment that.

Attention Parents and Grandparents **- Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 17th through Friday, July 21st from 5:30-8:00 pm.** This year's theme is **"Hero Hotline: Called together to serve God!".** VBS is for children aged 3 years to 5th grade. There will be Bible stories, singing, crafts, games, science projects and more. Dinner is also included. Sign up by July 10 and **save $5 per child** ($35) and **$40** thereafter. Register volunteers and attendees after church today and next Sunday and also online through the church website or forms available in the church office. VBS kickoff meeting is July 16th following worship. Lunch will be provided.

Used Book Sale coming in October. UWIF/Sarah Circle is bringing back the Book Sale in memory of Jackie Olson. For several years Jackie and her daughters organized these sales with proceeds going to missions. Donations of gently used **fiction and non-fiction** paperback and hardback books may be dropped off at the church office.

Quakes Baseball Game, Saturday August 12th – all are invited to join the Shepherds and ROI fellowship groups at Epicenter in Rancho Cucamonga. The Quakes will be playing the Empire 66'ers. Group rate tickets are $11 and seats on the 3rd base side. Great views of the field and post-game fireworks. Let Margaret & Ken Blair know by July 25th via email to kdblair1950@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Margaret Blair

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, just enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office (626-447-2181). Cost is **$60**. Make your check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. Or you may pay online through the church website.

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Save these dates!
July 16th – Vacation Bible School (VBS) Kickoff
and
Sierra Service Project (SSP) Team Blessing!

New Event – July 23rd – Fellowship breakfast before 10am Worship
(Hosted by SSP Parents and Pastor Eva. Details coming soon!)

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.