Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 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 "There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Hopson
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Bird
Summer Choir; Marcus Desir, Guest Director

Welcome and Greeting *Carolyn Iga, Worship Leader*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 107)* *Stephenson Holder, Lay Reader*

Leader: God, we gather today in your holy house,
People: to thank you and praise you today.
Leader: God, open our minds and souls and hearts,
People: to be inclined to hear your gentle direction in our lives.
Leader: God, help us to follow where you lead us,
People: to dwell with you and in you always.

***Opening Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Red UM Hymnal #**126**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Prayers for the People and Lord's Prayer *Carolyn Iga*

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 "Oh! What a Beautiful City" arr. Dilworth
Summer Choir; Marcus Desir, Guest Director

Scripture Lessons *Stevenson Holder, Lay Reader*

Psalm 107:1-3
Ezekiel 13:10-11a, 22-23
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "Take Time to Be Holy" Red UM Hymnal #**395**

Sermon "The Good, the Bad, and the Fake News" *Carolyn Iga*

Special Music "On Sunday (Danse), to Rhoda" by Franz Caéssus
Michel Von Loh, Guitar

Announcements *Carolyn Iga*

***Closing Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Red UM Hymnal #**140**

Benediction *Carolyn Iga*

***Benediction Response** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (vs. 1 & 3)
TFWS Songbook #**2241**

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

***Postlude** "My Rock, My Fortress" by Dennis Eliot
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Many thanks to Carolyn Iga for presenting the Sermon today!

Welcome to our Guest Choir Director today, **Marcus Desir.** He is the conductor of the recently established Los Angeles-based singing group, De-Nuance. He holds a Master of Music degree in choral music at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. Previously, he earned a Master of Music Performance in orchestral conducting from Valdosta State University and served as the assistant conductor of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and Music Director of the Valdosta Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The **Youth** will be offering a **Bake Sale** today following worship. Support **SSP** and pick up a treat or two! They leave next Sunday, July 27th on their mission trip.

Today after worship - CGS Presents: Tech Duck - a free technology class given by UMYF member Katie Lee. **Class meets from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm in the Church Library.** This hands-on class will teach you how to basic tasks on your phone and tablet such as Google Forms, QR Codes, and more!

The dedication for **The Robert O. Wilson Memorial Sign** will take place in the Fall. It is located in the northeast corner of our courtyard.

Half Year Giving Statements will be mailed out on **August 1st**. See Pastor Eva if you would still like to Pledge to the church.

Coffee Fellowship this month is hosted by the Christian **Education Committee!** Today features delicious hot and cold drinks served by **Bevel Coffee Cart.** See you in the Hall!

Vacation Bible School will be July 21st through the 25th! Get the word out to your family, friends and neighbors. This fun time is for kids 3 years of age to 5th grade. Volunteers from 6th grade and up are encouraged to participate. This year's theme is "Road Trip - On the Go with God."

United Women in Faith has a tasty fundraiser coming this **Thursday, July 24th!** Dine in or take out anytime from **11:00 am to 8:00 pm at California Fish Grill** (Foothill and Michillinda next to Corner Bakery). See flyer.

Follow us on Social Media! Yes, church news, photos, etc. are available on Instagram (@GoodShepherdArccadia) and Twitter/X (@GoodShepherdArc), as well as Facebook at our usual URL. See the newsletter for the QR codes.

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library – Our study is the book of Galatians and will run through the summer. NT Wright's Galatians Bible Study Guide is available in class. This series started off under the leadership of Kim Reynolds. We will rotate leadership throughout the summer. Copies of the study guide will be available in class.

Reminder! Sign up with **Shepherds/ROI Fellowship Groups** for the **Quakes Game** being played **Saturday, August 9th at 6:30 pm.** Tickets on the Club Level are only **$12.** Be sure to contact Margaret Blair by July 27th. See the newsletter for more information.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff.

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!

- **July 21st through 25th - Vacation Bible School (Monday thru Friday 5:30-8:00 pm)**
- **July 24th - United Women in Faith Dine Out Fundraiser @ California Fish Grill, Pasadena**
- **August 3rd - Church Council Meeting**
- **August 9th - Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game**
- **August 10th - Special Youth Led Service and BBQ Fellowship**
- **Plus - Summer Worship in the Chapel (August 10-September 7)**

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
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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.