Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage Communion Sunday and 4th of July Weekend

Sunday, July 6, 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 Meditation on "America" by Johnson
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "America the Beautiful" arr. Dan Bird
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
People: May God continue to bless the churches in this land.

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.
People: May God continue to bless our countries and all the countries of the world.

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples of the earth.
People: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts!

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

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Unison Prayer *(by Andy Langford)*

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pay all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem "How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. Gwyneth Walker
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

Psalm 30:1-5
*Luke 10:1-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation** "It is Well with My Soul" Red UM Hymnal #**377**

Sermon "Preparing the Soul for Discipleship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "God Bless America" by Irving Berlin
Amarie Velarde, Soloist and Piano

***Offertory Prayer & Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM Hymnal #**94**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Communion Setting" TFWS #**2257 – a thru d**

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.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

***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** "O, God Our Help in Ages Past" by Young *Stephen Cook*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of America's Independence Day.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Bevel Coffee of Altadena will provide drinks for Coffee Hour Fellowship! Thank you to the CGS Foundation for the funding. Enjoy hot or cold coffee, expressos, teas, matcha lattes, and more.

The Youth will be selling **SSP Stock** today after worship.

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 new study, the book of Galatians. It will run through the summer and use NT Wright's Galatians Bible Study Guide. 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.

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." More details and registration info soon.

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**
- **July 24th - United Women in Faith Dine Out Fundraiser @ California Fish Grill, Pasadena**
- **August 9th - Rancho Cucamonga Quakes Game**

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