Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and Independence Weekend
Heritage & Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, July 7, 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 Meditation on "America" arr. Nielson
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

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

***Call to Worship** *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

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

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

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

***Opening Hymn** "God of the Ages" Red UM Hymnal **#698**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

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

Unison Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

God of Freedom, this weekend our hearts beat with pride at the stirring sounds of the bands and fireworks. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. Our spirits ache for people who suffer and struggle for the basic necessities of life. Forgive us when our celebration clouds the needs of others. May we never forget that you have given us a ministry and mission. Help us be mindful of the many ways in which we can proclaim your greatness by our attitudes and actions. May we be those who would bring hope, comfort, and peace. Amen.

Anthem "We Are the Voice" by Stan Spotswood
Summer Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Virginia Crosby, Lay Reader*

Psalm 139:1-6 and 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "A Charge to Keep I Have" Red UM Hymnal **#413**

Sermon Message "Take Time With the Holy Spirit: Proclamation!" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Offering Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" Red UM Hymnal **#87**

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion **See Insert**

Special Music *Susan Holder*

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)" Red UM Hymnal **#697**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***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 "Trumpet Voluntary" by Gordon Young
Stephen Cook

The congregation standing, if able.

Chancel flowers today are given in celebration of Ken and Margaret Blair's 50th Wedding Anniversary!

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

We have begun our **Good Shepherd Heritage Sundays** today. Join us again **August 4th and September** 1st as we celebrate our Methodist heritage and roots. Traditional worship components of the service include: Processional and Recessional, Communion, Affirmation of Faith, Prayer for the Offering Collection, Doxology, and Wesley Hymns.

Volunteers needed for Family Promise Hosting August 4th through August 11th. There are many positions to fill. See the requests outlined in this week's The Word. Contact David Steinmeier at david@microjoining.com to be a part of this special ministry.

Foothill Unity Center's Back to School Drive continues through July 22nd. Their goal is to provide backpacks and supplies to 1,500 students of low-income families. Among the items they need are: backpacks (**no** blue or red); colored pencils, markers, 24-pack crayons; filler paper; scissors; rulers; pens; binders; folders; and highlighters. A complete list and information about volunteering for the **distribution event set for August 8th** and monetary donations can be found on their website: www.bts.foothillunitycenter.org. Donations are being collected in Jordan Hall, northeast corner.

Shepherds Invite Everyone to 2 Events this Summer! The first is **Thursday, July 11 –Free Concert in the Park** (on Arcadia City Hall Lawn) **at 6:30 pm.** Bring your own chair/blanket, food (or buy from food truck) and listen to the sounds of "**Stone Soul"** (Motown). Plan to arrive as early as 5:00 pm and stay after to watch the PG movie, "Kung Fu Panda 4. Look for us to be seated 2/3 back from stage, about midway across. Parking north and south of lawn.

Then don't forget to reserve your spot for the game! **August 3rd 6:30 pm Rancho Cucamonga Quakes vs. San Jose Giants at the Epicenter Complex in Rancho Cucamonga.** Fireworks after the game! Tickets are only **$11!** Email your request to Margaret Blair at kdblair@earthlink.net by **July 21st**. Cash or checks to Margaret may be left in the CGS office.

Thank you to the New Church Members for hosting this month's Coffee Fellowship in the Hall. These new members joined the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th and many have already been active in the life of the church. Stop by the refreshments and drinks tables to say Hi and to get to know them better! Their photos will also be shared in the July newsletters.

2024 Altar Flowers – The cost for flowers 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 the 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.

Camp Firelight - Vacation Bible School
July 15-19 (5:30-8:00 pm)

Family Promise Hosting
August 4th – 11th

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.