Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 9, 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 "Morning Has Broken" by Cat Stevens
Franklyn Shen, Piano

The Chimes

Introit "O How I Love Jesus" Frederick Whitfield

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 145) *Michael Chesnut, Lay Reader*

Leader: Lift praises to the name of our god; bless God's name forever!
People: How great is our God!

Leader: From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!
People: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

Leader: God, you are just and kind in all your doings!
People: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

Leader: God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!
All: How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!

***Opening Hymn** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Red UM Hymnal #**140**

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

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance **Unison**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

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 "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. John Carter
Summer Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Michael Chesnut, Lay Reader*

Psalm 145:8-14

*Matthew 11:25-30

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "I Love You, Lord" Black Songbook TFWS **#2068**

Sermon Message "A Promise to Pray" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "My Jesus I Love Thee" by Adoniram Gordon, arr. Dan Forrest
Kenneth Landaverde, Soloist and Franklyn Shen, Piano

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Black Songbook TFWS **#2158**

***Benediction**

***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 "You Raise Me Up" by Graham and Loveland, arr. Line

Franklyn Shen, Piano

***The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers today are given in memory of Mary Jo and Walker Parmenter by Carin Parmenter-Hoffenberg and in memory of Jean Raymond's birthday by David and Jacki Raymond.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

SSP Stock will be on sale after worship today and next Sunday, the 16th. The Youth very much appreciate our support.

Shepherds are going to barbecue at the home of David and Joann Steinmeier**. Our July meeting on the 11th** 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's. 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 – Sunday Breakfast Fellowship before 10am Worship!
Join us for delicious food (breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins, yogurt, juice, coffee or tea) and fellowship at 8:30 a.m.
There will also be Birthday Cake celebrating Pastor Eva, and the Chapel will be open for prayer and meditation.

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