Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, June 11, 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 "Pastorale" by Douglas Wagner
Stephen Cook, Music Director

The Chimes

Introit "Our God, He is Alive" A.W. Dicus

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Discipleship Ministries, December 2022)
Craig Lucas, Lay Reader

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!
People: We worship today as people God calls to go and share the good news.

Leader: We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives.
People: We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.

Leader: We gather to respond to god's grace as we continue on the path of discipleship.
People: We go knowing that we are not alone as we carry God's call into the world together. Amen

***Opening Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Red UM Hymnal #**384**

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

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Discipleship Ministries, December 2022) *(Unison)*

God who loves us and calls us, we confess that we are not always open to receiving your call on our lives. We make excuses. We choose not to listen. We believe that others would do it better than we can. Forgive us for all the times we say no--or nothing at all--to your call. Forgive us for all the ways we choose what we think we know over joining you in the holy unknown. Forgive us for neglecting the beautiful and varied calls you place on each of our lives. Forgive us, God, and free us to joyfully bear the weight of your call on our lives as members together of the Body of Christ, redeemed and united by your life. Amen.

Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart
Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*

Genesis 12:1-9
*Matthew 9:9-13
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Be Thou My Vision" Red UM Hymnal #**451**

Sermon Message "A Vow to Follow Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Laudamus Te" (from Gloria) Antonio Vivaldi
Felicity Robles and Sophia Thompson, Sopranos

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction**

***Closing Hymn** "Where He Leads Me" Red UM Hymnal **#338**

***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 "Come Thou Almighty King" arr: Martin

Stephen Cook, Music Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers today are given in memory of Carolyn McGregor Bushman's June 9th birthday by Joyce McGregor and in Celebration of Life of Robert Serrano by Ella Serrano Linder.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Shepherds are going out to dinner. Our June meeting on the **13th** will be at Clearman's Galley, 7215 N. Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel at **6:00 pm**. We will buy dinner at the counter, drinks at the bar, and head to the patio. Please RSVP to Dave Raymond by email at dlraymond66@gmail.com or by text to 626-260-3068 by noon the 13th only if you are coming.

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

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. Further details in this week's newsletter.

The **Kitchen Remodel** project continues to move forward. Co-Project Managers, David and Joann Steinmeier, report that we have now contracted with Trimark USA as our kitchen design and equipment advisor. Plans and equipment recommendations should be received in a couple of weeks. Next step is to obtain a third bid for the actual construction.

Grief Group has begun weekly Tuesday sessions from 6:30-7:30 pm in the AEC. To join, contact facilitator, Linda Brown at 626-447-1249. This support group is very beneficial to those dealing with loss.

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.

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 as we are working on improving the church calendar system.

Save these dates!
June 18th – Father's Day Sunday and Worship Service
Recognition of Graduates
July 16th – Vacatoin Bible School (VBS) Kickoff
and
Sierra Service Project (SSP) Team Blessing!

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Siosaia Tuitahi
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.