Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Lent and Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday, March 10, 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 "My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. McKibben
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "Kyrie de Angelis" Gregorian Chant
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Discipleship Ministries Oct. 2023) *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey is long, but let us take a moment to rest.
People: Only in God do we find our rest.

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey is long, but let us take a moment to center ourselves.
People : We bask in the warmth of the Light of Christ that guides us.

Leader: Lenten travelers, the journey is long, but let us take a moment to breathe.
People: We rise in the joy of the Holy Spirit and journey together on this road.

***Opening Hymn** "Rise, Shine, You People" Red UM Hymnal **#187**
The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front.*

Anthem "More Precious than Silver" arr. Hollander
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

"Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold. Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds. And nothing I desire compares to you."

Pastoral Prayer and 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 "Lamb of God" arr. F. Melius Christiansen
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Lynn Sansui, Lay Reader*

Psalm 119:9-16

*John 12:20-32

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 Message "Loving God With All Your Soul" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Adieu" from Songs of the Day by Gabriel Fauré
Kirk Averitt, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *Red UM Hymnal #206*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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 "Improvisation on 'Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain'" arr. Fedak
Stephen Cook

*****_The congregation standing, if able._

Chancel Flowers this morning are given by Jackie Olson's family in memory of her birthday and her love for Church of the Good Shepherd and Happy 99th birthday to Edie Slemmon! With love from Maria, Ruemruk and Dylan Sansui.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Time Change Sunday is TODAY! - Did you remember to ***Spring Forward*** and to set your clocks ahead Saturday, or were you late to worship! UWFaith will be collecting for ***Give Ye Them To Eat***, which is an outreach mission of the Methodist Church of Mexico. Founded in 1977, GYTTE focuses on helping rural people use their abilities and resources to combat hunger and poverty. Look for the ladies with the **Yellow Buckets** and add your spare change to make positive change.

Good Shepherd Children's Center is having a fundraiser just in time for Easter! Proceeds go to supplies and fun activities for the children. So **today and next Sunday** you can order ***See's Candies!!!*** No sweeter way to support the school and there are no lines. Cindy Ostry will be outside Jordan Hall to take your orders today and next Sunday. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Children's Center. Orders will be delivered here by March 22nd.

Shepherds meeting is **Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm in Jordan Hall.** It's **Baked Potato Night.** The speaker will be Don Thorsen. RSVP Lynne Whitaker (and by **today** for food assignments) (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net).

Church Cleanup Day is Saturday, March 16th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm - Join us in Spring Cleaning to prepare our campus, Sanctuary, Chapel, Fellowship Hall and Courtyard for the upcoming Palm Sunday Holy Week and Easter events. Cleaning supplies will be provided (feel free to bring your own). Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served.

Easter Flowers are on sale after worship Sundays now through March 17th! (Also, by contacting the Church Office.) Yes, it's time to bedeck our altar and chancel with lovely blooms to celebrate Easter. Purchase in memory or honor of loved ones. Then, bring them home after the Easter service, or they may be taken to our more homebound members and friends. This year we are offering: hydrangeas @ $22; lilies @ $20; and mums, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips @ $15 each.

Grief Support Group - Another round of our grief support group series has begun. Meetings are on Mondays in the **AEC from 7-8:00 pm** and run through May 13th. (No class on April 1st.) Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister is leading this support group. The group will gather in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.

2024 Altar Flowers – The new 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 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.

LOOKING AHEAD!
Palm Sunday – March 24th – Special Choir Concert
Good Friday - March 29th - Chapel Service at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday - March 31st - featuring:
6:00 am Sunrise Service in the Courtyard led by UMYF
10:00 am Traditional Service with Brass Musicians

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.