Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 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 "Psalm 23"
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "Christ We Do All Adore Thee" Theodore Dubois
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He has made this day.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is our strength and might.
People : The Lord is our cornerstone and the light of the world.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
People: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever!

***Opening Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" Red UM Hymnal **#577**

Children's Music "Simply Gregorian" arr. Moore
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

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 "Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks" Herbert Howells
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Marcia D'Amore, Lay Reader*

Psalm 118:24-29

*John 12:36b-43

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Seek the Lord" Red UM Hymnal **#124**

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

Special Music "When You Believe" Stephen Schwartz and Baby Face
(from the film The Prince of Egypt)
Stephenson Holder and Garrison Holder, Duet; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Red UM Hymnal #**133**

***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 "Rigaudon" David Hegarty
Stephen Cook

***The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The Youth will be selling **Sierra Service Project Stock** after worship **today and continuing Sundays through April 7th** (except for Easter Sunday). Support their ongoing participation in SSP as they look forward to volunteering again this summer.

UWFaith is delighted to announce we collected a total of **$234.10** on Time Change Sunday! Thank you! We will be forwarding a donation to Give Ye Them to Eat.

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** 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.

Easter Flowers are on sale after worship today! Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of beautifying our sanctuary and 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 per plant.

Have you attended **Adult Sunday School** yet? It's **Sundays from 9:00-9:45 am in the Library.** Co-teachers are Carolyn Iga and Don Thorsen. All are welcome to join in fellowship and prayer as well as studying Scripture. For more information, contact Carolyn (carolyniga@gmail.com: or Don (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu).

Grief Support Group - 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.