Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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Transfiguration & Heritage Sunday with Communion

Sunday, March 2, 2025 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.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Break Thou Bread of Life" arr. Shakley
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "Behold the Tabernacle of God" by Paul Sjolund
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

Leader: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up to the mountain. Will you come?
People: Yes, we will go wherever Christ leads us.

Leader: Will you follow Christ and be transformed?
People: Yes, we will go and be astounded at his greatness.

Leader: Disciples of Christ, come let us worship God!
People: Yes, we will go and spread his light from the mountains, to the valleys, and to all the world!

***Opening Hymn** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" *(vs. 1-3)* Red UM Hymnal #**258**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service. We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence in our lives of the gods of this world. When this happens, our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" by Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Amy Crouse, Lay Reader*

Psalm 99:1-5
*Luke 9:28-36

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Christ, upon the Mountain Peak Red UM Hymnal #**260**

Sermon "Gathering at His Transfiguration" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Lachrimae Pavan" by John Dowland
Michel Von Lo, Guitar

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion "Communion Setting" TFWS #**2257 – a thru d**

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.

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "I Love to Tell the Story" Red UM Hymnal #**156**

***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** "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

2025 Pledge Cards are available in the narthex before worship and in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Cards may be placed in the offering box in the Sanctuary entryway or dropped off to the church mailbox anytime.

New Adult Sunday School Series: The Bible Through a Historical and Faith Lens has begun. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.** This overview of the Bible uses Hebrews 11 as our table of contents. Discover how history and faith are intertwined.

Free Blood Pressure Screening today in the Lounge will be provided by Health Ministries following worship.

Have you been reading the articles in The Word? Here are this week's **CGS 80th Anniversary Trivia Questions!** 1. Where did the first charter members of the church worship? 2. Who was the first minister officially appointed to the church? Answers in next week's Word.

"Reading has its Rewards" is the subject of the **Sarah Circle/UWFaith** program this Thursday, **March 6th in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.** Sandy Jelinek will be presenting an introduction to the United Women in Faith Reading Program and preview some of the books in the 2025 Program catalog (available online at uwfait.org). If you enjoy ready as a pastime, join us! Refreshments will be served.

March 9th is United Women in Faith Sunday! Special worship service. Celebrate with us!

Spring Forward One Hour - Next Sunday, March 9th is Time Change Sunday. Just drop your change into the yellow buckets held by United Women in Faith.

United Women in Faith will be hosting a Fundraiser at **BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse** on **Thursday, Marh 20th from 4-9:00 pm.** Flyer coming soon.

June 1st, 2025 is the Church of the Good Shepherd's 80th Anniversary Celebration! Be sure to read the write-up in The Word highlighting the beginning of Methodism. There will be more articles as we prepare for this very special celebration.
which helps support the K-9 unit and other non-budgeted items.

SCAM Alert! Be cautious! Delete any s**pam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff. Pay attention to the sender's email address, which will not match the real one. If you are unsure about an email you have received, please contact the church office.

Remember to send your articles, announcements, etc. t:o **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.

Upcoming Events!

March 5th - Ash Wednesday
(Ashes on the Go 7:30-9:00 am and Chapel Service 7:00 pm)
March 9th - United Women in Faith & Sarah Circle Sunday
& Time Change Sunday
March 20th - UWIF Fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant
March 23rd - Scouting Ministry Sunday
March 30th - Combined Choir Concert "Fauré Requiem"
May 3rd - Annual Walk-athon
June 1st - 80th Anniversary Event!

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.