Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Lent and Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 23, 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 "Cinq pieces en trio" *(II. Andantino, III. Allegro assai)* by Jacques Ibert
CSArts Wind Trio – Riley Harris, Marall Tahnian, and Eva Wolfe

The Chimes

Introit "Soli Deo Gloria" by Herbert Beuerle
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Entrance of the Flags and Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** UMM Scout Sunday Liturgy 2025
Sarah Veeraraj and Hannah Ng, Lay Readers

Leader: Upon the mountaintop we stand with eternity close by.
People: Can you see the Lord?

Leader: At the ocean's edge we stand with eternity close by.
People: Can you see the Lord?

Leader: We gaze on the faces of humanity with eternity close by.
People: Can you see the Lord? We do praise the Lord.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

***Opening Hymn** "Let Us with a Joyful Mind" TFWS Black Songbook #**2012**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Anthem "God Shall Direct Thy Paths" by Gilpin
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 46:10
Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.
Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.

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

Anthem "Come, People of the Risen King" arr. Thompson
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Scout Presentations

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" *Spiritual* arr. Wallace Hornilbrook
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Scripture Lessons *Sarah Veeraraj and Hannah Ng*

Psalm 91:1-4
*Luke 4:1-13
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Together We Serve" TFWS Black Songbook #**2175**

Sermon "Symbols of Lent: Stones of Faith'" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "You'll Never Walk Alone" by/arr. Rodgers & Hammerstein
Susan Holder, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS Black Songbook #**2221**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "A Closing Prayer" by Don Besig

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.

Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.

***Postlude** "Cinq pieces en trio" *(I. Allegro vivo, V. Allegro quazi marziale)* by Jacques Ibert
CSArts Wind Trio – Riley Harris, Marall Tahnian, and Eva Wolfe

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of Elaine Iverson's 100th birthday and given by her 8 great grandchildren. Flowers on the Children's Message Table are for a Happy 8th Birthday to Logan Noonchester from his Mom, Dad and Morgan!

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Thank you to the CSArts Wind Trio comprised of Riley Harris, Marall Tahnian and Eva Wolfe for their performances of the Prelude and Postlude today.

Please join us for Fellowship Coffee Time in the Courtyard after worship. The UWF Sarah Circle will provide coffee, tea and lemonade. The Scouts will provide refreshments and will also have displays of their work in the courtyard!

The Youth will be selling **SSP Stock today** after worship to support their summer 2025 mission trip.

Venture Crew 333 is having a fundraiser at **California Fish Grill today from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.** See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Special Choral Concerts - The combined choirs of California School of the Arts, Citrus College and Church of the Good Shepherd will be performing the **Fauré Requiem** here in our sanctuary. The programs are on **Friday, March 28th at 7:00 pm and in the worship service at 10:00 am Sunday, March 30th.**

Submit your pictures for the Church's 80th Anniversary Slideshow! Do you have photos from the past 80 years? We're creating a special slideshow to showcase the rich history of our church, and we need your help. No photo is too old or too recent -- every memory has a place in our celebration! Email your photos to cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com with the Subject Line: "Slideshow Photos." Physical photos can be brought to the Church Office to be scanned. Thank you so much for your help creating this walk down memory lane!

We will begin taking orders for **Easter Flowers today,** as well as Sunday, **March 30th, and April 6th.** They may be ordered through the Church Office by Monday, April 7th. Make your checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. This is a beautiful way to honor or remember someone special.

Thank you for your Patience and Grace while the church phones are being upgraded.

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.

Adult Sunday School Class: Don Thorsen will be leading a **new series** starting **Sunday, March 30**. The title is **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Jesus (But Were Afraid to Ask)".** We will study what Scripture has to say about Jesus, and why Christians sometimes prefer to think of Jesus differently than what is said in Scripture. Note that the current series, **The Bible Through a Historical and Faith Lens** continues today and next Sunday. Join us from **9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library.**

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. 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.

Upcoming Events!

March 28th and March 30th - Combined Choir Concert "Fauré Requiem"
April 18th - Good Friday Chapel Service (7:00 pm)
April 20th - Easter Sunday Service and Children's Easter Egg Hunt
May 3rd - Annual Walk-a-thon
June 1st - 80th Anniversary Event with 10:00 am Worship,
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30 pm Luncheon

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.