Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 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 "Easter Carillon" by Robert Powell
Brass Quartet and Stephen Cook, Organ

The Chimes

Introit "Christ Is Risen" by Jan Sanborn
Brass Quartet, Organ and Chancel Choir

Words of Welcome *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing of the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

One: The tomb is dark, but empty.
Many: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.
One: The stone has been rolled away.
Many: The one you are looking for has overcome death.
One: The burial clothes are put aside.
Many: The one you are looking for is alive!
One: Christ is Risen!
Many: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!

***Opening Hymn** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Red UM Hymnal **#302**

The Word for Children

Anthem **"**Alleluia!" by Mozart; arr. Burrows
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"Christ is Risen!" "He is Risen Indeed!" We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over powers of death and evil is news so startling so amazing so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 "Christ is the World's Light" by K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir, Brass Quartet and Organ

Scripture Lessons *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

Isaiah 25:6-9
*John 20:6-18

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "He Lives" Red UM Hymnal **#310**

The Message "Finding Blessings in the Resurrection" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Beethoven, arr. Maddux
Susan Holder, Soprano; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" Red Hymnal **#159**
As we sing, you may come forward to join the choir for the response

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

***Benediction Response** "Hallelujah Chorus" G.F.Handel

***Postlude** "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Vaclav Nelhybel
Brass Quartet and Stephen Cook, Organ

****The congregation standing, if able.***

Special thanks to our Brass Quartet this morning: Ryan Deweese, Patrick Lenertz, Harry Ostrander, and Michael Beltran.

The Brass Quartet appearance is made possible by a generous donation from Fran Syverson and Steve Syverson.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Thank you to all who have purchased the beautiful flowers that have adorned our sanctuary for our Easter Service. See the insert for a list of donors and their dedications. You may pick up your flowers from the chancel area right after the service. Those who are delivering to homebound folks, please also pick up there.

Sunday, April 7th Special Charge Conference & Church Council at 11:30 am – There is one item on the agenda to be voted on: church approval of the sale of our share of the Long Beach 9th Street Property. Following the Charge Conference meeting, Church Council will meet from 11:45-12:15 to approve the Budget and discuss any other action items needed.

Shepherds Fellowship Group's April **Potluck is Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 pm (note time change).** Our guest speaker will be **Ikenna "Ike" Mmeje, USC-Arcadia Hospital President and CEO.** Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net by April 5th.

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 is meeting on Mondays in the **AEC from 7-8:00 pm** and will 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.

Happy Easter!

In the courtyard after worship, we will have:
Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship and Refreshments in the Hall,
and the Blooming Flower Cross.

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.