Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 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 "Thy Word" by Carter
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "Sweet By and By" by Joseph P. Webster
Men of the Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship** ***(Discipleship Ministries May 2010) *Ernie Jensen, Lay Reader*

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.
Many: Thank you God for giving us mothers.
One: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrate their love for us.
Many: Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.
One: We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is most like God's love.
Many: For their tears, their hugs, their wisdom, and their trust in us, we give thanks today!

***Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Red UM Hymnal #**92**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Pastoral Prayer and 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 "I am Home" by Mark Burrows
Men of the Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Ernie Jensen, Lay Reader*
Psalm 139:13-19
Philippians 1:3-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "What Wondrous Love Is This" Red UM Hymnal #**292**

Sermon "Easter: The Partnership with Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "A Mother's Prayer" by Melisa Manchester
Garrison Holder, Soloist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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

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

***Benediction Response** "Song of Hope" TFWS Songbook #**2186**

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***Postlude** "Hymn to Joy" arr. Young
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Ruth Orr Stephenson by Sue, Chris, Stephenson and Garrison Holder, and remembering the birthday of Marie Brazier by Diane Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

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

Church Spring Cleaning will be next **Sunday, May 18** after worship. Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify our church. Lunch will be provided.

May 15th is the last day to submit photos for the Anniversary slideshow.

Class of 2025! High School Seniors, we want to celebrate your graduation. See the article in the newsletter and complete the Questionnaire and send it and your senior picture to Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) by May 18th to be included in the June 8th worship bulletin.

Sarah Circle is now collecting old, clean towels for the **San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.** Wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bath mats will be greatly appreciated. During the week, please drop off your donations in the Church Office. On Sundays, you can drop them off in Fellowship Hall at the north wall.

The Wednesday Book Club selection for May is **The Kitchen House.** Join us at 11:30 a.m. in our new location, the church **music room!**

See the enclosed flyer for **United Women in Faith's (UWF)** fundraiser at **Alex Di Peppe's Thursday, May 22nd from 4:00 to 8:15 pm.** Enjoy delicious pizza and tasty Italian favorites. Dine-in or take-out. Proceeds will go to mission projects.

Adult Sunday School Class: Don Thorsen continues the series entitled **"Everything You Wanted to Know about Jesus (But Were Afraid to Ask)".** It is a study what Scripture has to say about Jesus, and why Christians sometimes prefer to think of Jesus differently than what is said in Scripture. 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!

May 18th - Church Spring Cleaning
May 22nd - UWF Fundraiser at Alex Di Peppe's
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.