Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day and Baptism Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 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 "Thy Word" arr. Carter
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "What a Wonderful World" by George David Weiss, arr. Brymer
Garrison Holder, Stephenson Holder, Kenneth Landaverde; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139)** *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*

One: Easter People, we've come to worship God!
Many: God who loved us before wer were yet born.

One: God who knows us even better than we know ourselves.
Many: God whose presence never leaves us.

One: God whose love for us never ceases.
Many: This is our God, let us worship together!

***Opening Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Red UM Hymnal **#147**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism ***(see insert)***

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

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have nurtured us in our lives. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of family, friends, and church. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

Anthem "I Am Home" by Mark Burrows
Garrison Holder, Stephenson Holder, Kenneth Landaverde; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Scripture Lesson *Craig Lucas, Lay Reader*

Psalm 78:1-4
Acts 1:1-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Red UM Hymnal #**334**

Sermon Message "Take Time to Receive the Promise of the Holy Spirit"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Specia Music "A Mother's Prayer" by Melissa Manchester
Garrison Holder, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Red UM Hymnal #**462**

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

The congregation standing, if able.

Chancel flowers today are given: in memory of Marie Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas; and in celebration of our grandson, Cameron's baptism by the Zessau Family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Join us next Sunday for the Pentecost Sunday All Music Worship Service! This service will be dedicated **in memory of Channing Lushbough** who was a longtime church member and loyal supporter of our music ministries. Also remember to wear red or bright colored clothing as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!

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United Women in Faith Fundraiser is on! Alex Di Peppe's Italian Restaurant in Arcadia is the place, and ***every Thursday in May*** are the dates. See the flyer for more information.

Class of 2024 Seniors, you are almost done with high school, and CGS wants to recognize your accomplishments! Please complete the Questionnaire (https://shorturl.at/bxEQ9) and return it to Franklyn Shen by Sunday, May 19th, so I can include you in the worship bulletin on June 9th, for the Youth Musical. If you didn't take Senior pictures, we can take a picture at church, or you can send me a selfie. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081 or by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

Adult Sunday School meets Sundays from 9:00-9:45 am in the Library. All are welcome! Co-teachers are Carolyn Iga and Don Thorsen. Contact Carolyn (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu) for class information.

2024 Altar Flowers – The 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.

Happy Mother's Day!

LOOKING AHEAD!

May 19th - Pentecost – Music Ministry Sunday, Youth Confirmation, and Reception of New Members

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.