Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14, 2023 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 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" arr. Hopson
Stephen Cook, Music Director

The Chimes

Introit "Precious Memories" Roberta Martin and George Jones

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (written by Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn, UMC Discipleship))
Diane Lucas, Lay Reader

One: Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, 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 demonstrated 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, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

Opening Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" Red UM Hymnal **#102**

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

Anthem "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Wissinger
Carillon Ringers; Janice Clark, Bell Tree; Stephen Cook, Piano;
Annie Zhan and Morgan Noonchester, Soloists;
Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus Loves me! Yes, Jesus Loves me.
Yes, Jesus Loves me! The bible tells me so.

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 "The 23rd Psalm" (dedicated to my mother) Bobby McFerrin
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Diane Lucas, Lay Reader*

Psalm 66:8-12

Timothy 1:1-7

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Our Parent, by Whose Name" Red UM Hymnal **#447**

Sermon Message "The Power of Possibilities Shared Through Generations"
Rev. Thai-Erwin

Special Music "For Good" Stephen Swartz
Susan Holder and Carolyn Noonchester, Soloists

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Red UM Hymnal **#557**

***Benediction**

***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 "Hymn to Joy" arr: Young

Stephen Cook, Music Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Flowers today are given: for Mother's Day in memory of Jackie Olson by Karen Olson; in memory of Marie Brazier's birthday by Diane Lucas; and in memory of Betty Doster's birthday and Mother's Day by Catherine Doster.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmothers, aunts and special women here today and in our congregation! Please accept a flower from one of the Sunday School children as you leave worship today to celebrate your mom, yourself, a special woman in your life or a special memory. We understand for some this day can be a day of pain, we pray and give thanks for mothers and for grieving women as well.

Next week is **Music Ministry Sunday May 21st.** All our choirs will be performing. Invite your friends and family to share this special service.

Pentecost Sunday is May 28th. We will commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit via music, liturgy and **receiving new members** to our Church of the Good Shepherd congregation. Everyone is encouraged to wear red this day.

A **Medicare 101 Information Class** is being offered **at PCC on May 20 and June 13th.** More information and registration are available by emailing info@pcclearn.org.

Save these Dates! ***June 4th, 10 a.m. service – The Annual Youth Musical***
July 17th – 21st – Vacation Bible School.

Attention **high school seniors,** we would like to celebrate your accomplishments! Please let us know the high school you are graduating from, your future plans, any accomplishments and honors you would like to share, and your favorite memory of being a part of CGS. Please email the information and a picture of yourself to Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) **by next Sunday, May 21st** to be included in our announcement. Congratulations!

Grief Group will begin a 10-week course **Tuesday, May 23rd.** Facilitated by Linda Brown, participants will meet in the AEC from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This support group is very beneficial to those dealing with loss. To register, or if you have any questions, contact Linda Brown at 626-447-1249.

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, just enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office (626-447-2181). Cost is **$60**. Make your check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. Or you may pay online through the church website.

Reminder that checks to the church should be made out to ***Church of the Good Shepherd.*** Our bank will not accept "CGS" as the payee. Please also indicate the purpose of the check in your memo line.

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 as we are working on improving the church calendar system.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Resident Bishop: Bishop Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Siosaia Tuitahi
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.