Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 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 "When in Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Page
Stephen Cook

The Chimes

Introit "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Dan Bird
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Leanne Baroldi, Worship Leader*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (by Carol Penner; Leading Worship, Easter 3 Year A) *Leanne Baroldi*

One: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.
Many: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

One: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
Many: we are in need of your company!

One: Jesus, stand among us in your risen power,
Many: let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

***Opening Hymn** "Christ is Alive" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**318**

Anthem "Sing Our Song of Joy" by Dauermann
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director, Janice Clark, Accompanist

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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

Special Music "I've Got the Joy" arr. Stephenson
Youth Bells and Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Unison Prayer *(by Lindsey Sanderson; 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)* *Leanne Baroldi*

Risen Christ, as you journeyed with the two who travelled the Emmaus road, travel with us on our journey of faith. In our encounters on the way give us compassion to listen to the other's story, patience to explain what may seem obvious to ourselves, and courage to make ourselves vulnerable, so that others may encounter you through us and we may rediscover you through them. Amen.

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 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Virgil Thompson
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Leanne Baroldi*

*Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Red UM Hymnal #**454**

Sermon "Walking Together" *Rev. Cooper Ledesma*

Special Music "He Knows My Name" by Tommy Walker
Kirk Averitt, Soloist

Announcements *Leanne Baroldi*

***Closing Hymn** "Jesus is All the World to Me" Red UM Hymnal #**469**

***Benediction** *Rev. Cooper Ledesma*

***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** "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in celebration of Bret Mulligan's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Many thanks to our guest preacher today, **Rev. Kathy Cooper Ledesma.** She is an elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. She presently serves as the Executive Director of The Guibord Center, an interfaith education and advocacy organization. She has previously served as staff to the California Council of Churches and as pastor to various local churches.

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

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) **today** to be included in the June 8th worship bulletin.

Sarah Circle will be gathering at Mary Archibald's home for a potluck dinner, meeting, and fellowship on **Thursday, June 5th at 6:00 pm.** Mary is a gifted artist and will be giving tours of her home's artwork. Salad and drinks will be provided (at shared cost). Callers will be contacting members to get a count. Carpooling is recommended. Please contact Andrea Thorsen at (626) 664-1442 or Sandy Jelinek (626) 862-5452 for further information. **All women are welcome!**

Sarah Circle is collecting old, clean towels for the **San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.** Clean washcloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bathmats 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 **spam** 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 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.