Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday and Music Sunday

Sunday, May 21, 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 "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Page
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "Open" Judith Silver
Youth Choir and Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Passing of the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 105)* *Ernie Jensen, Lay Reader*

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people.

All: For He is the Lord, our God; faithful to a thousand generations!

One: Sing His praises and tell of His wonderful works.

All: For He is the Lord, our God; mighty in acts and deeds!

One: Search for God, and for His strength.

All: For He is the Lord, our God; to be glorified in our praise, words, and music!

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Christians Join to Sing" Red UM Hymnal **#158**

Anthem "Praise the Lord, All Creation" Huntsinger
Children's Choir; Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist

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

Anthem "He is Exalted" arr. Ryan
Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

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'm Going to Sing" arr. Ken Berg
Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

Old Testament Reading Psalm 47 *Ernie Jensen, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Let Heavenly Music Fill This Space" Gordon Young
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

***Gospel Reading** John 17:1-11 *Ernie Jensen, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Hark, the Glad Sound" arr. Mallory
Carillon Ringers; Carolyn Noonchester, Director

Reflection "The Power of Possibilities Forever Transforms Us" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Reflection Response "Celebrate and Sing" arr. Jeff Raney
Combined Choirs: Children's Choir; Youth Choir; Chancel Choir; Youth Bells; Carillon Ringers; Katie Lee, Percussion; Elsa Lozano, Flute; Kirk Averitt, Director

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** **"**When in Our Music God Is Glorified" *(v. 1-4)*
Red UM Hymnal **#68**

***Benediction**

***Benediction Respons** **"**When in Our Music God Is Glorified" *(v. 5)*

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach

Stephen Cook, Music Director

Special appearance by flutist, Elsa Lozano courtesy of the Pauline Poindexter Memorial Fund.

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Flowers today are given: in celebration of Bret Mulligan's birthday by Diane and Craig Lucas; by Peggy Leatherman in memory of Art Leatherman; and by Maria Sansui in memory of her mother.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. 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.

The **Youth Musical, Doin' Right**, will be presented **June 4th!** Written and choreographed by Janice Clark and performed by members of our youth. Franklyn Shen will be the accompanist. It is set in1956 and features teens who are dealing with moral decisions still faced by youth today. How fitting the show will occur on Peace with Justice Sunday!

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. Last day is today to email the information and a picture of yourself to Franklyn Shen (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net). 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, enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office (626-447-2181). Make your **$60** check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. (Or you may pay online through the church website.)

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.

Vacation Bible School is July 17th – 21st

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.