Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 28, 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 "Voluntary in D Major" by John Garth
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "Veni Creator Spiritus" Plainsong

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

***Call to Worship** *Richard Vethamani, Lay Reader*

Leader: God is like a gentle shepherd.
People: Leading us beyond our wants,

Leader: Leading us beyond our fears,
People: Leading us to a place of rest;

Leader: Where we remember those who have gone before us,
People: Where we honor those who have given their lives that others might live,

Leader: Where we sing the music of God's love,
People¨ And feel new strength for the journey ahead.

***Opening Hymn** "America the Beautiful" Red UM Hymnal **#696**

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

Anthem "Holy Spirit Rain Down" by Russell Fragar
Section Leaders: Susan Holder, Carolyn Noonchester, Garrison Holder, Israel Segura, and Kenneth Landaverde. Kirk Averitt, Director

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we do remember and honor those who have given their lives in the cause of justice and freedom. We remember Jesus's words that there is no greater love than that one lay down one's life for one's friends. We are free because Christ lay down his life for we whom he calls friends. Let us be faithful witnesses to the power of your love. Move in us that we would use that freedom to act with compassion in the ongoing work of justice, healing, and reconciliation. Through Jesus our Savior and Friend we pray.

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.

Receiving of New Members *See Insert*

Scripture Readings Numbers 11:24-30 *Richard Vethamani, Lay Reader*
Acts 2:1-11
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Red UM Hymnal #**393**

Sermon "Speaking the Common Language of Love" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "So Much to Sing About" arr. Webber
Garrison Holder, Israel Segura, Kenneth Landaverde, and Kirk Averitt

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** **"**We Are the Church" Red UM Hymnal **#558**

***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 "All Glory Laud and Honor" arr. Powell

Stephen Cook, Music Director

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Our Memorial Day Flowers this morning are given in memory of all those who gave their lives serving their country. We also honor current and retired veterans. Please see the insert with the list of CGS Veterans.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Masks are not required but are highly recommended.

The **Children's Center** and the **Church Office** will be **closed tomorrow, May 29th** in honor of Memorial Day.

The **Youth Musical, Doin' Right**, will be presented next Sunday, **June 4th!** Written and choreographed by Janice Clark and performed by members of our youth. Franklyn Shen will be the accompanist. It is set in 1956 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 Graduates! If you, or your child, are graduating from Middle School, Sr. High School, College or Graduate School, please inform the Church Office by phone, 626-447-2181, or email: Swright@cgsum.org to be included in the annual list of graduates. Please include the name of the graduate, who they are related to (parents, grandparents– not the whole extended family, please) and the school they are graduating from. If graduating from college or graduate school, include the type of degree earned and the field of study. The deadline to submit names is June 15, 2023.

Grief Group has begun weekly Tuesday sessions from 6:30-7:30 pm in the AEC. To join, contact facilitator, Linda Brown at 626-447-1249. This support group is very beneficial to those dealing with loss.

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.

Father's Day Sunday and Worship Service – June 18th

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.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

UNITED METHODIST VOWS

When persons unite as members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only Son; and in the Holy Spirit. They make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the church to keep the vows* which are a part of the order of confirmation and reception into the Church:

1. Will You…renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of your sin; **I Will.**
2. Will You…accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression; **I Will.**
3. Will You…confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord; **I Will.**
4. Will You…remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world; **I Will.**
5. Will You…be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries; **I Will.**
6. Will You…faithfully participate in its ministries by your Prayers, your Presence, your Gifts, your Service, and your Witness; **I Will.**
7. And Will You…receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. **I Will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and protect them in love.

Congregation's Prayer for New Members:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, our Service, and our Witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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