# Church of the Good Shepherd

## United Methodist

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 3rd Sunday of Easter Heritage Communion Sunday

Sunday, May 4, 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** "Mazurka in A minor" by Frederic Chopin
*Stephen Cook*

**The Chimes**

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

**Welcome and Greeting** *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

**Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship (adapted from Opening Prayer by Sally Johnson)**
*Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

One: God of love, we bring our very selves to worship.
**Many: Our triumphs. Our failures. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows.**
One: In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of your son, Jesus Christ.
**Many: Urging us to feed and to be fed, to love and be loved.**
One: May we continue to worship Him who draws us in.
**Many: And may we continue to show our love in word and action.**

***Opening Hymn** "Come, We That Love the Lord" Red UM Hymnal #**732**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

**Prayer of Confession** *(adapted from UM Creation Justice Movement by Dr. Geran Lorraine)*

**Almighty God, for the times we have cast our nets in familiar waters, yet found no sustenance, help us to remember the call to cast our nets on the other side, trusting in abundance. For the times we have consumed without thought, taking more than we need, help us to seek forgiveness and commit to living in harmony. For the times when we have neglected the call to "feed my sheep," focusing only on our own needs, help us to commit to nurturing all beings, recognizing our interconnectedness with the entire web of life. May we work to build new systems of care, reciprocity, and justice, guided by the wisdom of those who have come before us. Amen.**

**Anthem** "Jubilate Deo" by Charles Wood
*Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director*

**Scripture Lessons** *Tom Dukes, Lay Reader*

Psalm 30:1-4
*John 21:4-14
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
**People: Thanks be to God**

***Hymn of Preparation** "Because He Lives" Red UM Hymnal #**364**

**Sermon** "Easter: Celebrating When Jesus Greets You" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Offertory Prayer & Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Red UM Hymnal #**94**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** "Communion Setting" TFWS #**2257 – a thru d**

**Communion Music** "Behold the Lamb" by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend
*Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist*

**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.**

**Announcements** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Jesu, Jesu" Red UM Hymnal #**432**

***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** "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" arr. Powell
*Stephen Cook*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

## The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

**Sarah Circle** is now collecting old, clean towels for the **San Gabriel Valley Humane Society.** Wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bath mats 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 Youth will be selling **SSP Stock today** after worship to support their summer 2025 mission trip.

**The Wednesday Book Club** selection for ay is **The Kitchen House.** Join us at 11:30 a.m. in our new location, the church **music room!**

**Church Spring Cleaning** will be on **Sunday, May 18** after worship. Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify our church. Lunch will be provided.

**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 s**pam** 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. t:o **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 18th - Church Spring Cleaning**
**May 22nd - UWF Fundraiser at Alex Di Peppe's *(flyer next week)***
**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 Statement:***

***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.***