Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 2024 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 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. Nielson
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "O Most High, Almighty God" by Paul Sjolund
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *(from Discipleship Ministries January 2023)*
Chris Zessau, Lay Reader

One: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!
Many: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

One: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.
Many: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

One: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.
Many: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

One: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!
Many: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Red UM Hymnal #**315**

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

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem "I Will Sing with the Spirit" by John Rutter
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Scripture Lesson *Chris Zessau, Lay Reader*

Psalm 98:1-6
*Matthew 28:16-20
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Freely, Freely" Red UM Hymnal #**389**

Sermon Message "Take Time to be Sent by Jesus" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Celtic Alleluia" by Fintan O'Carrol
Abbey Miller and Sophia Thompson, Duet; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion **Red UM Hymnal pgs. 9-11**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Christ's table is open to all. All persons who wish to walk in new life with Christ are invited are invited to receive the bread and juice, without regard to past history, denominational affiliation, or any of the wonderful ways that God has made each of us unique beings. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. You may go to the altar rail, kneel in prayer, and there receive the elements.

The 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.

Hymn After Receiving	"Glory Be to the Father"	Red UM Hymnal #**70**
Announcements		*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
***Closing Hymn**	"Go, Make of All Disciples"	Red UM Hymnal #**571**
***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.*

Chancel flowers today are given: in memory of John Zessau's birthday by Dottie Zessau; and in memory of Shirley Hasseler by Warren Hasseler.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Pastor Eva's Presentation on the United Methodist General Conference is today after worship from 11:30-12:30 in the Hall (stage half).

United Women in Faith Fundraiser has begun**!** Alex Di Peppe's Italian Restaurant in Arcadia is the place, and ***every Thursday in May*** are the dates. See the flyer for more information.

Shepherds is gathering for dinner Tuesday, May 14th, 6:00 pm at Domineco's (236 West Huntington Dr., Monrovia). RSVP to Margaret Blair by May 6th @ kdblair@earthlink.net or 626-574-1827, or text to 626-796-3998 and add your name.

Infant and Child Baptisms will take place during our worship service on Mother's Day, May 12th. Please email PastorEva@cgsum.org for more information.

Class of 2024 Seniors, you are almost done with high school, and CGS wants to recognize your accomplishments! Please complete the Questionnaire (https://shorturl.at/bxEQ9) and return it to Franklyn Shen by Sunday, May 19th, so I can include you in the worship bulletin on June 9th, for the Youth Musical. If you didn't take Senior pictures, we can take a picture at church, or you can send me a selfie. If you have any questions, please contact Franklyn Shen at (626) 272-5081 or by email at fnjshen@sbcglobal.net.

New Members will be received on Sunday, May 19th during the Pentecost and Music Sunday Service! Please contact Pastor Eva if you would like to join the church.

Adult Sunday School meets Sundays from 9:00-9:45 am in the Library. All are welcome! A new series has begun today on Wisdom Literature: "The Human Experience" and be looking at the book of Ecclesiastes. Co-teachers are Carolyn Iga and Don Thorsen. Contact Carolyn (carolyniga@gmail.com) or Don (donthorsen@alumni.stanford.edu) for class information.

2024 Altar Flowers – The cost for flowers is **$65**. Payment is via check, cash or online. Checks should be made out to Church of the Good Shepherd, with "Flowers" in the memo line. To place your request, please contact Suzanne Wright in the church office by phone, or email: swright@cgsum.org. Orders go to florist on Thursdays.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD!

May 12th - Mother's Day Worship Service – including Infant and Children Baptisms
May 19th - Pentecost – Music Ministry Sunday, Youth Confirmation,
Reception of New Members and Celebration of CGS members who are 90 and above!

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.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Yummy way to support Sierra Service Project!

Purchase a digital certificate for a dozen original glazed donuts for $14 ($4 off the in-store price), half of your order goes directly to support SSP's youth-powered programs. Certificates are redeemable in-person at **any Krispy Kreme** location nationwide.

Digital Certificates can be purchased at:
givebutter.com/Donuts4SSP

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UWFaith (United Women in Faith) Fundraiser

Every Thursday in May!

Alex Di Peppe's Italian Restaurant 1969-2019 50 Years

Present flyer for Dine-in or Take-out Thursdays in May and UWFaith receives 20% of the sales!

Enjoy the delicious pizza, pasta and more.

Hours: Wed. – Sun. 4:00 PM to 8:15 PM

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