# Church of the Good Shepherd

## United Methodist

**400 West Duarte Road, Arcadia, California 91007 - (626) 447-2181**

**www.cgsum.org**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, May 7, 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** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" arr. Nielson
*Stephen Cook, Music Director*

**The Chimes**

**Introit** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" G.F. Handel/C. Wesley

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

**Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Christine Longhurst's 2011 Liturgy for Easter Sundays)
*Kim Reynolds, Lay Reader*

One: Come, people of God.
**Many: Let us take refuge in the Lord.**

One: May we cry out to Him from whom all things are possible.
**Many: And may he rescue us when we call and lead us according to His unfailing love.**

One: For he is our God and our lives are in His hands.
**Many: Let us worship God together! Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** "A Might Fortress is Our God" Red UM Hymnal #**110**

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

**Anthem** "The King of Love" K. Lee Scott
*Chancel Choir, Kirk Averitt, Director*

**Scripture Lessons** *Kim Reynolds, Lay Reader*

Psalm 31:1-5
*John 14:1-7
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
**People: Thanks be to God**

***Hymn of Preparation** "Be Still My Soul" Red UM Hymnal **#534**

**Sermon Message** "The Power of Possibilities Extends to Heaven"
*Rev. Thai-Erwin*

**Anthem Response** "A Mother's Prayer" Melissa Manchester
*Garrison Holder, Soloist, Stephen Cook, Accompanist*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Thanksgiving and Communion** **Red UM Hymnal #9**

**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 wafer 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 Prayer After Receiving and the Lord's Prayer** *(Unison)*

**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** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" Red UM Hymnal **#304**

***Benediction**

***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, Music Director*

**The congregation standing, if able.*

***Chancel flowers are given by Dottie Zessau and Family in loving memory of John Zessau.***

***Correction – Last Sunday's flowers were given by Vince Pang in celebration of Susanna Pang's birthday.***

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

**Masks are not required but are highly recommended.**

**Today after worship – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm** is the **New Members Class** for those interested in joining or transferring to Church of the Good Shepherd. Pastor Eva will review Methodist History, Membership Vows, Church Structure, and CGS ministries.

**Shepherds' Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th** will feature a representative from The Bargain Box, an Arcadia thrift store, explaining their mission. It will be a traditional potluck. Bring your own dishes and utensils. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker at church, call her at 626-446-7860, or email her at vlwhit@sbcglobal.net. You can volunteer a food assignment or she will give you one.

**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. Please email the information and a picture of yourself to Franklyn Shen ( fnjshen@sbcglobal.net ) **by Sunday, May 21st** to be included in our announcement. Congratulations!

**Special Worship Services** are planned for **Mother's Day, May 14th** and **Music Ministry Sunday is May 21st.** All our choirs will be performing. Invite your friends and family.

**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, just enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office (626-447-2181). Cost is **$60**. Make your check payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line. Or you may pay online through the church website.

**Year-Round Grant Applications for 2023 are Being Accepted by the CGS Foundation.** The purpose of grants must be *"aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions and progress to the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia"* It's a quick and simple process. Submit your application online using the **Foundation Online Grant Form.**

**Reminder** that checks to the church should be made out to ***Church of the Good Shepherd.*** Our bank will not accept "CGS" as the payee. Please also indicate the purpose of the check in your memo line.

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.

**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.***