Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 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 "Andante in Eb major" by Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Don Akers
Cancel Choir; Sean Fitzpatrick, Guest Conductor

Welcome and Greeting *Carolyn Iga, Guest Preacher*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Elaine Drew, Lay Reader*

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.
People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.
People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.
People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you.

***Opening Hymn** "I Come With Joy" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**617**

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

Unison Prayer *(Wesley Covenant Prayer)* *Rev. Stephen Wilson*

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Anthem "Shine on Us" by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith
Chancel Choir; Sean Fitzpatrick, Guest Conductor

Scripture Lessons *Elaine Drew, Lay Reader*
Psalm 73:1-26 (NIV Translation)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Thy Holy Wings, O Savior" Red UM Hymnal #**502**

Sermon Message "As For Me, I Almost Lost My Footing"
Carolyn Iga, Guest Preacher

Response "Flower In the Rain" by Chris Eaton
Carolyn Noonchester, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Thanksgiving and Communion Red UM Hymnal pg. **13**

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 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.

***Closing Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" *(vs. 1-4)* Red UM Hymnal #**529**

***Benediction** *Carolyn Iga*

***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 "Improvisation on 'Azmon'" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Art Leatherman by Peggy Leatherman.

Welcome Visitors to Worship! Please join us after the service for Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments in the Hall.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Carolyn Iga, Guest Preacher. Carolyn has her Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and has since served on several church staffs across the LA area in various denominations and spent 7 years building a mentoring and self-sustainability program for the fatherless/motherless children in a poverty-stricken community in China. She currently owns and manages Neighborhood Music School and Store in Arcadia and runs a small charitable nonprofit organization called Assignments International that addresses poverty alleviation locally and abroad in Asia.

Much appreciation to **Rev. Stephen Wilson** of USC Arcadia Hospital for presiding over Holy Communion in today's service. We are blessed to have Stephen and Nora Wilson and their family as members of CGS.

Good Shepherd Children's Center will be collecting pet food (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, etc.) for the Humane Society's **Fill the Bowl Project** starting **now through November 5th.** As a faith community, we can help in this effort. The food collected will be donated to local animal shelters. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center office.

Shepherds will have a traditional potluck dinner for our October meeting on the 10th in Jordan Hall at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker by email (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by the 10th at noon only if you are coming. You can volunteer a food assignment or she can give you one. You will need dishes. Water will be served. Our program is Sharing Your Faith Part 2 " by John Neuner. Opportunities will be given to tell personal stories about sharing your faith.

Ladies, **Sarah Circle's October 5th meeting will be at 7:00 pm.** Following the business meeting we will be assembling UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits from the supplies we have been collecting since Spring. Join us in fellowship as we continue our mission to serve.

Used **Book Sale – UWF/Sarah Circle –** will be held two Sundays, **October 22nd and 29th!** Thank you for bringing in your donations of gently used **fiction and non-fiction** paperback and hardback books to the church office. You may also make a financial donation. Just memo your check showing "Book Sale."

Crafters Boutique! Offering their creations for sale on **Sunday, October 22nd.** Come see their wonderful selections. You can pre-shop for Christmas! Birthdays! Yourself!

2023 Altar Flowers – To sign up for altar flowers, enter your information in the Flower Chart in the narthex or call the church office. Cost is **$60** (check, cash, or online).

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.

October 22nd - Crafters Boutique - October 22nd and 29th - Used Book Sale
October 31st - Trunk or Treat!

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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.