Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 10, 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 "There Is A Fountain" arr. Leavitt
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Introit "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt Conductor

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 149) *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*

Leader: Come, let's praise God together!
People: Sing a new song, a song of God's goodness and mercy.

Leader: Come, let's praise God together!
People: Exult in His glory, with faithfulness and love.

Leader: For God delights in His people
People: And crowns them with honor and glory!

***Opening Hymn** "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" *vs. 1-4*
Red UM Hymnal #**100**

The Word for Children **Children are invited to come sit in the front.*
Pastoral Prayer *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

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.

Anthem "O For a Closer Walk with God" by Keith Getty
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Conductor

Scripture Lessons *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*

Psalm 149
*Luke 19:1-10

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Red UM Hymnal #**328**

Sermon Message " Eating is an Act of Stewardship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "I Have Trod the Upward and Downward Slope"
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Kirk Averitt, Soloist; Stephen Cook, Accompanist

Announcements *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "Forward Through the Ages" Red UM Hymnal #**555**

***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 "Fanfare Postlude on 'St. Thomas'" arr. Wagner
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The special Chancel Flowers this morning are given by Elaine Drew. Here is her dedication. "I have enjoyed 25 years of life since my brain aneurysm. To God goes the glory for the gift of life. To Dr. Adam Mamelak goes the glory for being God's faithful surgeon."

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Your input is important! Please answer the **Pentecost 5 Questions Series - Question #4: What ministries (current or new ones that are needed) will bring new people to church?** Turn in your answer/s to Pastor Eva in person or email to PastorEva@cgsum.org**.**

Shepherds will be having dinner at the home of Dave and Jacki Raymond on **September 12th at 6:00 pm.** Please RSVP to Lynne Whitaker (vlwhit@sbcglobal.net) or by other means by noon on the 12th if you are coming. Volunteer a food assignment, or she will give you one. Dishes not needed. Water and iced tea will be served, but you may augment that.

ESL Classes have resumed. Beginning, Intermediate Conversational classes will be meeting via Zoom and are held on Fridays from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. For more information, contact the m.johnsonsmbel@gmail.com. Advances classed meet in person in the church Library and on Zoom, Fridays 9:30 am-11:00 am. More info and to obtain Zoom invite, contact Sandra Jelinek at sjelin2@aol.com.

United Women in Faith is having a fundraiser at the Monrovia **Panera** on **Tuesday, September 19th, 4:00 pm-8:00pm.** Proceeds will go to missions. Flyers available in the church office.

We are celebrating our **Fall Festival Sunday, September 24th!** Food and, fun, jump house for the kids! Free blood pressure screening!

The **Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Gala** will be held **Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 pm at "The Noor" in Pasadena.** See newsletter for details.

"Parenting the Love and Logic Way" is being offered in six weekly lessons, which begin on **Sunday, October 1st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.** Cost is $25 per participant. Childcare is provided. Parenting couples are encouraged to attend together. Learn to parent in an enjoyable manner. Help your child become responsible and respectful. Registration and more information can be found on the church website or in the church office.

Used Book Sale – UWF/Sarah Circle – in October - Keep bringing in your donations of gently used **fiction and non-fiction** paperback and hardback books to the church office.

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.

September 19th: UWIF/Sarah Circle Panera Fundraiser
September 23rd: Installation Worship Service of Rev. Moonyoung Lee
September 24th: Fall Festival
October 1st – 7th – Hosting Family Promise
October UWIF/Sarah Circle Used Book Sale

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.