Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 15, 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.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.
Remember to sign the attendance pad.

Prelude "Meditation in Ab" by Eugene Englert
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Processional Introit "Seeking, Trusting, Lord I Come to You" by Don G. Fontana
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)** *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

One: The heavens declare the glory of God.
Many: May all the earth be in awe of his handiwork!

One: The knowledge of God is poured out upon us.
Many: May all the people receive his wisdom!

One: The law of God is perfect and sure.
Many: May our hearts rejoice and our faith endure!

**The congregation standing, if able.*

***Opening Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (v. 1-4) Red UM Hymnal #**79**

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

Pastoral Prayer and 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 "Sing Them Over Again to Me" by Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lessons *Lynne Rivera, Lay Reader*

Psalm 19:7-10
*Mark 8:27-38

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

***Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit Song" Red UM Hymnal #**347**

Sermon **"**The What of Discipleship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response **"**A Poor Wayfaring Stranger" by Ebling & Gerhardt
Garrison Holder, Soloist and Kenny Landaverde, Guitar

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Red UM Hymnal #**344**

***Benediction** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Benediction Response** "The Trees of the Field" Black Hymnal TFSW **#2279**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

Postlude Postlude on "Wake, Awake!" arr. Martin
Stephen Cook

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

The Children's Center Board members are hosting this month's Coffee Fellowship. All are invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Hall after worship.

Choir Ministries: Chancel, Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Choir have resumed! It is not too late to join! Please see choir directors for more info: Kirk Averitt (Chancel Choir), Janice Clark (Youth Choir), Diane Lucas (Children's Choir), and Carolyn Noonchester (Youth Bell Choir and Adult Carillon Choir).

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.

Please read Pastor Eva's newsletter articles in the last 2 editions of The Word about the gates and panels that will be installed in 4 areas of the church. Pastor Eva will be available after worship today in the Fellowship Hall to answer any questions.

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!

September 22 Next SUNDAY IS FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY!

- Invite family, friends, and neighbors to the Fall Festival. There will be lunch, music, bounce house, photo booth, children's games, chalk art, desserts and more. Free raffle prize baskets will be on display. Plus a Dunk Tank to raise funds to support Sierra Service Project!
- Volunteers are needed in the following areas:
  Fall Festival Day Before Set Up (Saturday, 9/21 from 9am-12noon)
  Fall Festival Day of Set Up (Sunday, 9/22 from 8:30-10:00am)
  Fall Festival Welcome Table (Sunday, 9/22 shifts from 9:30am-1:30pm)
  Clean Up (Sunday, 9/22 2:00pm)
  Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) to volunteer!

September 29 Ministry Fair after Worship

- For longtime and new members, and visitors alike to learn more about and get connect with the church ministry groups.
- We will also have sandwiches, refreshments, cupcakewalk, children's activities and more.
- The Free raffle prize basket winners will be drawn-must be present to take home the prize baskets.
- Plus live music provided by the Neighborhood Music School and Store.

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.