Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fall Festival Sunday | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22, 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 card. The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "Sonata K. 287 I. Andante" by Giuseppe Scarlatti
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

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 118)** *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
People: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song.
People: We will praise the Lord and exalt in Him!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for all He has done.
People: His faithful love endures forever!

***Opening Hymn** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs.1-3,7 Red UM Hymnal #**57**

**The congregation standing, if able.*

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 "Lord, Here Am I" by John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir; Kirk Averitt, Director

Scripture Lesson *Penny Hoover, Lay Reader*

Psalm 23
*Matthew 22: 34-40

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 "The Why of Discipleship" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Anthem Response "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" by Will L. Thompson
Kirk Averitt, Soloist

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "Marching to Zion" Red UM Hymnal #**733**

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

***Benediction Response** "The Trees of the Field" TFWS Black Hymnal **#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 fields 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 "When, in Our Music, God is Glorified" arr. Laura Page
Stephen Cook

***The congregation standing, if able.*

The Altar Flowers this morning are given by Pastor Eva to celebrate the church's Fall Festival!

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Today is Fall Festival Sunday! Please stay after the service for lunch, music, a bounce house, a dunk tank, a selfie photo station, children's games, desserts and more! See insert for schedule. We'd love to see you there.

Choir Ministries: It is not too late to join! Rehearsals are Sundays before or after worship. Please see the following person for the choir you are interested in: Kirk Averitt (Chancel Choir), Diane Lucas (Children's Choir), Janice Clark (Youth Choir), and Carolyn Noonchester (Youth Bells and Carillon Bells).

ESL Classes: Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Conversational English Classes have begun! Classes meet Friday mornings with in person and on-line options. For more information please contact the church office, or Rowena Zeng and Mike Johnson at m.johnsonsmbel@gmail.com or rowezeng@gmail.com.

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!

September 29 Ministry Fair Sunday

- The Fall celebration continues with music, lunch and refreshments, cakewalk, children's activities and ministry info tables! Children and Youth Bands will also perform from the Neighborhood Music School and Store in Arcadia.

October 6th and 13th Crafters' Boutique

- Our annual Crafters' Boutique will feature a variety of handcrafted, one-of-a-kind items, including embroidered, knitted and crocheted items, quilts, woven baskets, table runners, Christmas ornaments, original watercolors and wreaths for all seasons.
- The boutique will be held in the courtyard area near Jordan Fellowship Hall after worship.

October 13th Flu Shot Clinic- come get your free flu shot just in time for the flu season. More info to come.

October 31st Trunk or Treat! A safe, family friendly trick or treating experience in the church parking lot. Plus a fun puppet show for kids to see.

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.