# Church of the Good Shepherd
## United Methodist

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP
### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.

***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.***
***The Offering Box is located in the Chapel entryway.***

**Prelude** "Come Thou Fount" arr. Eugene Englert
*Stephen Cook*

**Chimes**

**Introit** "Have Mercy on Me, O God" *by Steve & Anne Chapman*
*Carolyn Noonchester and Kirk Averitt, Duet*

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

**Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship** *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*

Leader: The heavens burst forth in praise of God.
**People: As we celebrate God's abundant and powerful grace!**

Leader: Day by day, and night by night we are comforted.
**People: As we receive His Word and know that He watches over us.**

Leader: Come, sing and dance with joy and love.
**People: As we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord and His ways!**

***Opening Hymn** "We Sing to You, O God" TFWS Songbook #**2001**

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

**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** "Taste and See" by James E. Moore
*Section Leaders (Garrison Holder, Susan Holder, Carolyn Noonchester & Michel von Loh); Scholars (Stephenson Holder, Zora Kuzma & Amarie Velarde); Kirk Averitt, Director*

**Scripture Lesson** *Ken Blair, Lay Reader*
Proverbs 30:5-9
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn of Preparation** "Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"
TFWS Songbook #**2004**

**Sermon** "The Word of God: Truth and Integrity" *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

**Special Music** "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Steve Milloy
*Section Leaders and Scholars; Kirk Averitt, Director*

**Announcements** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

***Closing Hymn** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" (*vs. 1-4)*
TFWS Songbook #**2238**

***Benediction Response** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (vs. 1 & 3)
TFWS Songbook #**2241**

***The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name***
***to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.***

***We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed***
***and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.***

***Postlude** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" arr. Martin

# The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

**New Church Office Hours begin tomorrow, September 8th!** The hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and closed on Fridays.

**Tech Duck is back!** This computer class is after worship, **11:30 to 12:15 pm, next Sunday, September 14th.** *See insert.*

**Health Ministries** is offering **free Blood Pressure Screenings** following worship on **Sunday, September 14th.** Short-sleeved tops are more user-friendly and less/no caffeine will give a more accurate reading.

**United Women in Faith** has a delicious fundraiser coming up on **Thursday, September 18th from 4 to 8 pm at Cabrera's Mexican Restaurant, 624 East Live Oak, Arcadia.** Come out and treat yourselves to "una comida deliciosa" (yummy meal) and support our local and global missions. *See the enclosed flyer.*

The **Grief Support Group** series is returning on **Monday, September 15th from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, for nine weeks in the AEC.** Linda Brown, Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead the group. People at all stages of grief are welcome to join this support group. Please email Linda Brown at childcenter@cgsum.org if you are interested.

**CGS** is participating in **The California-Pacific Conference Foundation** event led by the **Lily School of Philanthropy's Lake Institute on Faith Giving** this month**.** Our members are requested to assist by responding to survey questions. Please fill out the form in this week's Word and drop in the offering box (or email to Pastor Eva). More questions to follow.

**The Book Group** has resumed and meets on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the Music Room.** Join in the discussion!

**Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 to 9:45 am in the Library –** Our study is the book of Galatians and will run through the summer. NT Wright's Galatians Bible Study Guide is available in class. This series started off under the leadership of Kim Reynolds. We will rotate leadership throughout the summer. Copies of the study guide will be available in class.

**SCAM Alert!** Be cautious! Delete any **spam** or **fake emails and texts** from hackers impersonating Pastor Eva or any church staff.

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.

# *Save the Date!*

- **September 14th - Heritage & Communion Sunday in the Sanctuary**
  **Blood Pressure Screening in the Lounge**
- **September 15th - Grief Support Group – Mondays at 6:30-7:30 pm - AEC**
- **September 18th - UWF Fundraiser at Cabrera's, Arcadia**
- **September 28th - After Worship**




***Food, Music, Games, Crafts, Fun!!!***



- **October 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat**

**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.***