Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Heritage & Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 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 pad.
The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.

Prelude "There is a Fountain" arr. Leavitt
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

The Chimes

Processional Introit "Seeking, Trusting, Lord I Come to You" by Don G. Fontana

Welcome and Greeting *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship** *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!
People: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.
People: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!
People: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

***Opening Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Red UM Hymnal **#110**

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

**The congregation standing, if able.*

Unison Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem "We Sing Alleluia" by Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

Scripture Lessons *Joann Steinmeier, Lay Reader*
Psalm 125 and *Mark 7:24-37
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" Red UM Hymnal **#581**

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

Receiving of the Offering "What Gift Can We Bring" Red UM Hymnal **#87**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Red UM Hymnal **#94**

***Offertory Prayer** *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Thanksgiving and Communion **See Insert**

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 to receive the bread 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.

Prayer after Receiving and 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.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**	"Maker, in Whom We Live"	Red UM Hymnal **#88**
***Benediction**		*Rev. Thai-Erwin*
***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 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 resume today!

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 Lounge 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 Fall Festival Sunday

- Invite family, friends, and neighbors to the Fall Festival! There will be lunch, music, a jump house, a dunk tank, a photo booth, children's games, desserts and more!
- Volunteers are needed in the following areas:
  Fall Festival Set Up (Saturday, 9/21 from 9am-12noon)
  Fall Festival Set Up (Sunday, 9/22 from 8:30-10:00am)
  Fall Festival Welcome Table (Sunday, 9/22 from 9:30-10:00am)
  Please contact Pastor Eva (PastorEva@cgsum.org) to volunteer!

September 29 Ministry Fair Sunday

- The Fall celebration continues with music, refreshments, cakewalk, children's activities and ministry info tables!

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.