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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services during January 2022

(Church Website or Facebook Group Page)

Sunday, January 23, 2022

This Sunday Worship Online Only

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Scripture: Psalm 19:1-6 and Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "Go And Proclaim!"

Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Prelude: "Prelude on 'Evan'" arr. Young

Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Jordan

Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ

Introit: "This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made" arr. Mark Hayes

Special Music and Anthem: "A Jubilant Song" by Allen Pote;

Israel Segura, solo; "People Need the Lord" by

Phill McHugh and Greg Nelson

Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal:

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service #581", "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (vs. 1,3-4) #344, "Go, Make of All Disciples #571"

Sunday School for preschoolers and elementary grade kids is again meeting by Zoom **Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45.** Please contact Heather Reynolds (khreynolds89@earthlink.net or 626-272-6629) for the zoom info and other information.

Among the Church Family

In Our Prayers:

Please continue to keep everyone previously mentioned in your prayers including **Bob Graham** and family. Bob went to the hospital for more treatments last week.

Our condolences to **Ken Mallory** and family upon the death of his wife **Betty (Elizabeth) Mallory** last week**.** We do not currently have any information regarding services but will let you know if we do.

Chancel Flowers Last Sunday:

The flowers on the altar on Sunday, January 16, were given in honor of Joyce McGregor's birthday by her daughter, Carolyn.



EXCERPT OF BISHOP HAGIYA'S BRIEFING ON COVID 19*

On behalf of the Appointed Cabinet and Senior Leadership of the annual conference, I am writing to express our deep concern about the surge of COVID-19 and Omicron cases that we are witnessing. The National Geographic has put this in stark terms:

"Year three of the pandemic began with COVID-19 cases soaring to an average of 610,000 per day for the past week. That's more than twice the daily average for the 2021 winter surge. Compared to two weeks ago, hospitalizations are up 65 percent, while deaths, which typically lag hospitalizations by about two weeks, are up 2 percent." (*National Geographic*, Science Edition, January 7, 2022)

As an annual conference, we have always followed the latest recommendations from the State, County, and City. We have worked hard with our local churches to reopen with major safety guidelines, and we continue to stress how important it is to follow these guidelines. We are not making a blanket ruling that all local churches need to stop their in-person worships and gatherings but allow the appointed clergy and Administrative Council to make that decision. We trust in your leadership explicitly, and you know your context far better than we do. We also stand by your leadership, and if you have to make a hard decision, we will support that decision unconditionally.

The COVID-19 virus mutates to survive, and the Omicron variant is an excellent example of this survival strategy. As your annual conference leadership, we care deeply for every one of you. For this reason, we ask that you get vaccinated to ensure your safety. The vast majority of deaths from COVID-19 are happening to the unvaccinated. The science behind this vaccine is proven. Personally, I have been triple vaccinated (two original Moderna vaccines and the booster). This is not about political correctness – this is about saving lives.

I continue to pray each day for our clergy and laity, as well as for the general public as we deal with our COVID-19 crisis. With faith in God, we will see our way through this. In the words of Joshua:

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. — Joshua 1:9

Be the Hope,

Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop

*Full Article available on CalPacUmc.org website

Women's Book Study

Do you like to read? If so, consider joining the Women's Book Study which meets every Wednesday at noon. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Once in person gatherings resume, we will meet in the library.

In February we will start our next book, Apples Never Fall, which would be a good time to join in our lively conversation.

For further information contact Leslie Kenan at leskenan@gmail.com.

The 2022 Flower Chart



Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is $50 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the check to the church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu's Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday as well as in the Sunday bulletin and the following week's newsletter. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.

Giving Statements

The Church Council and Finance Committee are thankful for all who gave so generously in 2021. Your 2021 Giving Statements have been prepared and emailed to you. Please contact the church office if you did not receive your statement or would like a paper copy mailed to your home instead.

Please Pledge for 2022

Reminder 2022 Pledge Cards can still be turned in this month. Each Financial and Stewardship Commitment is greatly appreciated as it helps the church continue its ministries and mission.

2022 Memorial/Veteran's Day Flowers



It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country's armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd" and turned into the office with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of $20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.

REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for favors, money, gift cards, etc.

In January 2022, Sunday worship services will be online only. We will not have in-person worship services or meetings for the month of January.

This is due to the unfortunate surge of the Omicron Covid 19 variant and hearing concerns from church members. So, after consultation with our parish nurses, a nurse practitioner, some worship team leaders, and discernment in prayer, we believe it is best to keep everyone safe this month.

We will continue to offer our wonderful online worship services with music from section readers, the assigned Lay Reader, and the amazing AV team.

Please join us online for worship this month!

Together in Christ's Service,
Pastor Eva

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open minds,
open doors

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