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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, March 5th, 2023 - Second Sunday in Lent

Please enter the Sanctuary worship through the double doors off the parking lot. Name tags and check-in are not needed. Attendance pads are in the pews. Masks are no longer required, but are encouraged for those who have high risk factors.

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 121 and Matthew 10: 1-8
Sermon: "To Live Inside Out: Reflection and Sending", Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin Preaching
Prelude: "My Hope is Built" arr. Weston
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music provided by the Chancel Choir with Kirk Everett, Director



The Feb. 19th Altar Flowers were given by the Ng Family

Online Worship Update for February 26 - March 12

For the next 3 Sundays, the online worship services will not have the liturgy and hymn lyrics displayed. To view or download a copy of the Sunday Bulletin, be sure to go to the church's website (www.cgsum.org), click on 'News & Events,' and then select Newsletters and Bulletins. We thank you for your patience and understanding as Pastor Eva works on securing a new Worship Media Tech person to replace Jeff Doran. And much appreciation to the current volunteers who will still help live stream and film the service for online viewing.

All articles, photos, and announcements are **due by 3:00 p.m. Friday** for the following week's newsletter and should be emailed to **cgsarcadianewsletter@gmail.com.**

Beginning February 22, the Women's Book Group will read and discuss *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*. Join us on Wednesdays at noon! Contact Leslie Kenan or the Church for more details.

Sierra Service Project (SSP) Stock

The youth will begin selling Sierra Service Project Stock on Sunday, Feb. 26th after church. All funds raised will go towards their service trip to Sacramento this summer. In Sacramento, the youth will be doing home repairs for Low-income residents, installing drought-tolerant landscapes, and doing neighborhood beautification. Thank you for investing in the youth by buying SSP Stock!

Sarah Circle - Thursday, March 2, 7PM via ZOOM

Join us for our monthly meeting after which we will be joined by Lyn Knowles, a member of Riverside UMC and United Women in Faith, who will discuss "Language and the changing image of women in the Bible." Lyn has some interesting research to tell us! You do not need to be a "regular attendee" of Sarah Circle to join us. Contact the church office if you are interested. We love to see new faces!

The Season of Lent has Begun

Let us be in prayer, reflection, and repentance for the next 40 days and 6 Sundays as we reflect on Jesus's life and journey to the cross. May the prayer below guide you this week. And Thank You to all who attended the Ash Wednesday Devotion time in the chapel on Feb. 22nd.



God of all mercy, you love all that you have made. You forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry. Create and make in us clean hearts, that we, humbly confessing our sins and knowing our brokenness, may receive forgiveness and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE AND INVITE FRIENDS TO THESE EVENTS:

- **April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship Service with Special Choir Music and orchestra musicians**
- **April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Services:**
  6:00am Courtyard Sunrise Service led by the Youth Group
  10:00am Sanctuary Service with Choirs and Brass Ensemble
  Plus Easter Egg Hunt for Children and Fellowship and Refreshments
- **April 15th Walk of the Churches- Walkathon and Fundraiser for Family Promise**



Innovations & Communications Meeting!

We had a great turn out for Sunday's meeting after worship in the lounge- see photo below of the attendees that included members of all ages!

The main focus was Hospitality and how we invite and welcome people to worship and events. Some ideas that were shared:

- Welcome Kiosk with Brochures, Flyers, Cards
- A Greeting Team on Sundays
- More Interactive Website
- Monitor in Narthex with church info
- Dial By Phone Info for people w/o Internet Access
- QR codes for bulletins, website, check ins, etc.
- Invitation Postcards for Worship and Events
- Coffee Cart with To Go Options for people who can't stay for Fellowship after worship
- Pew Cards with Visitor and Attendance Info

Have any more ideas? Please email Marcia D'Amore, Communications Chair: communications@cgsum.org



Introducing the Church's Winter/Spring Custodian and Facilities Staff Members: Bryan In and Francisco Acero

Be sure to say Hi and Welcome them when you see them working at church!

Bryan In is the new weekday and special events Custodian and Facility Staff member. He previously worked at Vromans' Bookstore in Pasadena and has experience with facility set ups, custodial work, and also work around church buildings. Bryan is a long time member of Pasadena First United Methodist Church and currently services on its Sunday Worship AV Team.

Francisco Acero has been with CGS since August 2022 as our Facility and Maintenance Repair worker. Many improvements to the campus and properties have been completed by him these past few months. This winter and spring, he will also work as the Sunday afternoon custodian. Francisco also works part time for Sierra Madre United Methodist Church.





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open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.