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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 3rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion

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.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-6 and John 2: 13-22
Lenten Sermon Series: "Loving God With All Your Heart"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Prelude on "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" arr. Cherwien
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien; Stephen Cook, Director of Music;
Chancel Choir: "What Wondrous Love is This" arr Paul Christiansen;
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Robert Lau
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist



- **Mar. 10th Daylight Savings (Set Clocks Ahead!)**
- **Mar. 24th Palm Sunday, Special Choir Concert in Worship with Guest Musicians**
- **Mar. 31st Easter Sunday Services**
  6:00am Sunrise Courtyard Service
  10:00am Traditional Sanctuary Service w/Choirs and Brass Ensemble. Plus Children's Easter Egg Hunt after Worship!

ONLINE FINANCE SEMINARY- THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29th at 2:30PM PST

Please join us for a seminar: Creating a Family Love Letter. In today's fast paced environment, making plans to provide a sound future for your loved ones is more important than ever before. What do YOU want your legacy to look like? Creating a Family Love Letter™ can help you get your house in order and facilitate the necessary and sometimes sensitive conversations with your family about preserving, protecting, and transferring your legacy for future generations. **Please email Finance Chair, Natalie Poole, at napoole@earthlink.net to RSVP and to receive the Zoom link for the online seminar.**

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.**

Join the Book Group on Feb. 28th when they begin their discussion of *The Stranger in the Lifeboat.* The Book Group meets on Wednesdays at 11:30am in the Lounge (new location).

Grief Support Group

Another round of our grief support group series is returning. This group will begin meeting on Monday, March 4 from 7pm-8pm for ten weeks in the AEC. Linda Brown, our Children's Center Director and trained Stephen Minister will lead this support group. This group will gather together in person and engage in deep listening and sharing to give uplifting support. 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.

Easter Flowers



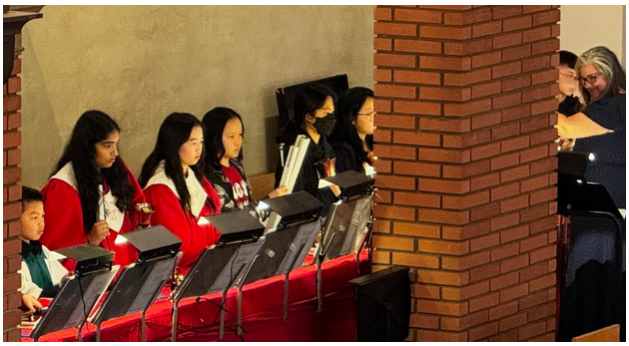
Every Easter we adorn our altar and chancel area with fresh flowers which are purchased by our members and friends. They are then available after our Easter service to take home, or they can be taken to our more homebound members and friends. Sales will be after Sunday services on March 3, 10, and 17 and via the Church Office. This year our flowers will be hydrangeas ($22), lilies ($20), and mums, daffodils, hyacinth, and tulips ($15 each).

Lenten Sunday Sermon Series by Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Pastor Eva has begun the new sermon series for the Season of Lent. During the 40 days of Lent (excluding Sundays) we are called to Reflect, Repent, and Pray. The new sermon series focuses on these spiritual disciplines as we commit to loving God with all our mind, heart, body, and strength. Below are the Sermon Titles and Scriputre Passages for each Sunday.

- Mar. 3rd Exodus 20:1-6 & John 2:13-22 "Loving God With All Your Heart"
- Mar. 10th Psalm 119:9-16 & John 12:20-32 "Loving God With All Your Soul"
- Mar. 17th Psalm 118:24-24 and John 12:36b-50 "Loving God With All Your Strength"
- Mar. 24th (Palm Sunday) Chancel Choir Concert







The Youth Choir and Youth Bell Choir provided music for Sunday worship; then the choir performed at the Arcadia Lunar New Year Festival on the Neighborhood Music School stage!

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THIS WEEK'S LENTEN DAILY PRAYER FOCUS:
-Feb. 26th Pray for those with Challenging Relationships
-Feb. 27th Pray for Single Parents and Guardians
-Feb. 28th Pray for those who Seek Titles over Testimonies
-Feb. 29th Pray for Orphans, Refugees, and the Displaced
-Mar. 1st Pray for those who Long for the Eternal Today
-Mar. 2nd Pray for those with Memory Loss or Dementia

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.