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The Word
of the
Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in our Sanctuary
Sunday Nursery Care available starting at 9:30am
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, May 17th - Seventh Sunday of Easter and All Music Sunday

Attendance pads and cards are in the pews.
The Offeratory Box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 66: 1-4 and Luke 24: 44-53
Sermon: “Stories that Matter: A Witness for Jesus”
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Lead Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "When In Our Music God is Glorified” arr. Page
Postlude: "Prelude in C Major” by J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Children’s Choir: “Sing Our Song of Joy!” by Dauermann
Diane Lucas, Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Choir: “This Little Light of Mine” arr. Neil A. Johnson
Janice Clark, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Chancel Choir: “Alleluia” by Gordon Young
Kirk Averitt, Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Combined Bell Choirs: “Viva La Vida” arr. McChesney
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Combined Choirs and Bells: “Praise the Lord for His Creation” arr. Derek K. Hakes
Special Music by Stephenson Holder

The May 10th Altar flowers were given in honor and celebration of Mother’s Day.

Beginning June 1st- the Newsletter will be published every other week.
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.**

Shepherds Fellowship Group May 24th Potluck

The Shepherds Fellowship Group invites you to an old-fashioned salad potluck on May 24th after Church in Jordan Hall. Please bring a salad that corresponds with your last name: **A-G: Meat/Protein or H-N: Vegetable or O-S: Pasta or Potato or T-Z: Fruit**

Blood Pressure Screenings

Health Ministries is holding free blood pressure screenings on Sunday, June 14th in the Lounge after the service. No reservation is required. For the best reading, we recommend wearing a short-sleeved top and minimizing caffeine intake before having your Blood Pressure taken.

Class of 2026



Dear Seniors, Congratulations on your remarkable achievements! It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. You have made it through high school, and the Church of the Good Shepherd would like to recognize your achievements. Please email a bio of your accomplishments and plans for the fall with one senior portrait and one baby picture to fnjshen@sbcglobal.net no later than Sunday, May 17th, 2026. Your pictures and accomplishments will be inserted in the June 7th Worship Bulletin.

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE by Ron DeMarco, and read in Sunday's Sermon

I was walking down Life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read, "Heavens Grocery Store" As I got a little closer, the door came open wide and when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, 'My child shop with care. Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store and all you couldn't carry, you would come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row. Further down, was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of WISDOM, bag or two of FAITH. I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race. By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered to get some GRACE. I didn't forget my SALVATION, for SALVATION is free.

Then I started up the counter to pay my grocery bill for I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will. As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in for I know when I stepped outside, I would run into sin. PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were the last on the shelf. SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself. Then I said to the angel, now, how much do I owe? He just smiled and said, 'Take them everywhere you go.' Again, I smiled, and said, 'How much do I really owe?' He smiled again and said, 'MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!'

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UWF (United Women in Faith)

Fundraiser

Thursday, May 21

Alex Di Peppe's

Italian Restaurant

1969-2019

50 Years

Present flyer for Dine-in or Take-out
Thursday, May 21
and UWF receives 20% of the sales!

Enjoy the delicious pizza, pasta and more.

Hours: Wed. – Sun. 4:00 PM to 8:15 PM

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Resident Bishop: Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank
District Superintendent: Rev. Moonyoung Lee
Pastor: Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Franklyn Shen
Director of Music Ministry: Stephen Cook
Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown

In Our Prayers

- For church members and loved ones: William Dang, Ila Harris, Carolyn Iga, Warren Hasseler, Richard Vethamani, Norm Collar, Karen (Elaine Iverson's daughter in law), David (Karen Schaefer's son), Rachel (Lynne Rivera's aunty), Greg Terhorst (Brittany Turnquist's father & church's kitchen contractor), Jon Pritikin (Nancy Neuner's son).
- For peace in the world, the protection of service men & women in the US and overseas, and for the innocent children affected by war.

Please email prayer requests and updates to: cgsprayerchain2@gmail.com

Old Towel Collection

In honor of "Be Kind to Animals" Month, the Children's Center is collecting old towels for a donation to the Pasadena and San Gabriel Humane Societies, May 1-31st. A box for donation drop off is located in front of the Children's Center office. Thank you for your support of this collection project!

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.