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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
Broadcast Live at 10:00 a.m. to Facebook/CGSUM and to CGSUM.ORG

Sunday, May 18th - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Attendance pads are in the pews. The Offering box is located in the Narthex.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35
Sermon Title: "Walking Together"
Guest Preacher: Rev. Kathy Cooper-Ledesma

Prelude: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Page
Postlude: "Prelude in C major" by J.S. Bach
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Introit: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Dan Bird
Anthem: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Virgil Thomson
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist
Solo: "He Knows My Name" arr. Tommy Walker

Children's Choir: "Sing Our Song of Joy" by Dauermann;
Diane Lucas, Children's Choir Director; Janice Clark, Accompanist
Youth Bells & Carillon Ringers: "I've Got the Joy" arr. Stephenson
Carolyn Noonchester, Youth Bells & Carillon Ringers Director

May 11th Altar Flowers were given in loving memory of Ruth Orr Stephenson by Sue, Chris, Stephenson and Garrison Holder; and in remembering the birthday of Marie Brazier by Diane Lucas.



CHURCH SPRING CLEANING IS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH
Volunteers are needed to help clean the church after worship!
Lunch & cleaning supplies will be provided.

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.**



Class of 2025

Attention all High school Seniors! The finish line is near, and Church of the Good Shepherd would like to celebrate your graduation! Attached is the Senior Questionnaire link as a Google Doc. Please complete it and send it to Franklyn Shen via Email (fnjshen@sbcglobal.net) with a senior picture by Sunday, May 18th so it can be included in the June 8th Youth Musical Worship bulletin.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Elaine Iverson who was honored at the Women's Auxilary Tea Party hosted by USC Arcadia Hospital on May 3rd. She was recognized for her many years of service as a hospital volunteer, her work with the Teddy Bear project, her many donations of baby blankets to the neonatal ward, and her fundraising for the Angel statue which is in the hospital chapel garden.





Shepherds Meeting - Tuesday, May 13th

Due to the renovation of our Church's kitchen, the Shepherds Fellowship will meet at 6pm on Tuesday, May 13th at the Clearman's Galley Boat. We will order at the counter and meet on the south patio. Address:7215 Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel.



Kithcen Renovations Week 3 Update

A glimpse of the kitchen in the early morning before the work crew arrives. Old walls have been torn down and new reinforced walls have gone up. Shelving, cabinets, and sinks will later be installed. The kitchen committee and Trustees give thanks to all who donated to this project and to the Foundation for their matching grant.

Introducing New Church Staff!



Michel Von Loh, Choir Bass Section Leader & Soloist

Michel joins choir section leaders and soloists (Carolyn Noonchester, Susan Holder, and Garrison Holder) as the new Bass Section Leader.

He comes to us from First Congregational Church in DTLA and brings a wealth of musical experience. Michel Von Loh is a classically trained guitarist, mandolinist, vocalist, saz player, arranger and composer who is equally at home in styles ranging from Post-Punk and Experimental Rock to Western European, North Indian, Persian and Arab classical music.

As a native of Germany, he began his studies at the University of Music "Franz Liszt" in Weimar, and later continued at California Institute of the Arts in Santa Clarita and he received a BFA in guitar performance in 2021. Concerts as a solo guitarist and ensemble member have taken him to various venues across Germany (including the office of former German Chancellor Angela Merkel) as well as Austria (Great Hall of the Viennese Music Association), Italy, Israel, Canada, and the US (including NYC's Carnegie Hall and LA's Walt Disney Concert Hall). He currently teaches privately and at Pasadena Music Academy, and frequently performs with his band "Orchids of Jupiter" and the choirs at First Congregational Church LA..

Ashley J. Woods, Media & Membership Director



Ashley is a Digital Strategist and Social Media Manager from Long Beach, CA, where she grew up attending Los Altos United Methodist Church. She originally moved to Los Angeles to pursue writing and acting in sitcoms but soon found her calling behind the scenes, writing and producing YouTube videos. In 2022, she co-founded HillierSmith LLC, a production company that worked with top YouTube talent including MrBeast, Mark Rober, Michelle Khare, and Johnny Harris.

Ashley is also an experienced podcast producer, having produced more than 50 episodes of The Editing Podcast, securing guests from shows like Euphoria, The Bear, and Cobra Kai, and collaborating with HBO's PR team on an Emmy campaign. She brings her passion for digital media and community storytelling to Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist, where she is leading new digital initiatives to broaden outreach and engagement.

Next week....introducing the new Finance Secretary!

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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

This Sunday, May 18th, at Church of the Good Shepherd

- 9:00am Adult Sunday school in the Library
- 9:30-11:00am Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers
- 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
  - 10:15am Children and Youth Sunday school Classes after the Children's Message
- 11:00am Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments.
- 11:30am Spring Cleaning at Church- lunch provided for all volunteers

Save the Date - United Women in Faith Fundraiser

United Women in Faith will be having a fundraiser at Di Peppe's from 4:00pm to 8:15pm on Thursday, May 22nd. UWFaith will receive 20% of dine-in or take-out orders. Keep an eye out for the flyer that will be placed in next week's newsletter!

Church of the Good Shepherd Mission Statement:
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.