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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 11th - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139:13-18 and Philippians 1:3-11
Sermon Title: "Easter: The Partnership with Jesus"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "Thy Word" arr. Carter
Postlude: "Postlude on "Hymn to Joy" arr. Young
Stephen Cook, Director of Music
Music by the Chancel Choir
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director; Stephen Cook, Accompanist



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.

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH SPRING CLEANING 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.**

Kitchen Renovation Update (article from April 28th)

The long-anticipated Kitchen Demolition and Construction has begun. Please pardon any inconvenience during the next couple of months.

The kitchen, stage, and front third of the Fellowship Hall will not be available for use during this time. Please do not enter the construction area until we open the curtain to reveal the completion. Remember, good things come to those who wait. We will publish photos of the progress which hopefully will satisfy your curiosity. See the top photo of kitchen sink area before demo and bottom photo of the area on day 3.

A big than you to all our generous donors for making this project a reality, and to the Foundation for their matching grant. Thanks to all our members for your patience and understanding during the construction. We all look forward to seeing our new kitchen and to using it once again. – Joann Steinmeier





Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle is collecting old, clean towels for the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. Wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, and bath mats will be greatly appreciated. During the week, please drop off your donations in the Church Office. On Sundays, you can drop them off in Fellowship Hall at the north wall.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY
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Wednesday Book Club

Our May book is The Kitchen House. Join us at 11:30 in our new location for May and June- the church music room!

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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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

Upcoming Events:

- May 11th Mother's Day Service
- May 18th Spring Cleaning Day after worship (lunch provided)
- June 1st 80th Anniversary Event with 10am Worship, 11:30am Coffee Fellowship, and 12:30pm Luncheon- see invite and RSVP for the Luncheon by May 1st!

Plus join us Sundays for Adult Sunday school (9:00am), Worship (10:00am), Children and Youth Sunday school (10:15am) and Fellowship Time after worship in the hall with coffee & refreshments. Nursery Care is provided beginning at 9:30am.

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.