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The Word

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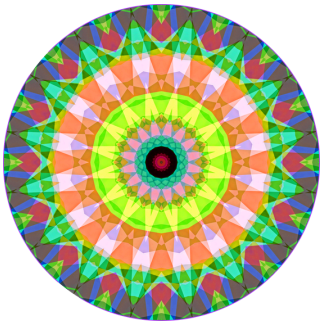
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Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 19th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Attendance pads are in the pews.
The Offering box is located in the Sanctuary entryway.
On Heritage Sundays- any offering placed in the offering box before the service begins will be brought up to the altar during the Offertory in worship.

Scripture: Psalm 19: 7-10 and Acts 4: 32-37
Sermon: "The Grace of Giving: The Discipline of Discipleship"
Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Sr. Pastor, Preaching
Prelude: "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles
Postlude: "Worthy of Worship" Words by T York, Music by M. Blankenship
Franklyn Shen, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Chancel Choir: "Cry Out and Shout" by Knut Nystedt; "Unity" by Glorraine Moon;
Kirk Averitt, Director; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist
Carillon Ringers: "Echo March" by Linda Lamb
Carolyn Noonchester, Director
Amarie Velarde & Zora Kuzma: "Will There Really Be a Morning"
arr. Craig Hella Johnson



The 26th Annual SSP Cabaret: Kaleidoscope!

Kaleidoscopes show us different colors and changing patterns, mixing them from one to another as you turn the tube. This year's Youth Choir SSP Cabaret features a kaleidoscope of colorful music that highlights the many colors of life and humanity found on planet Earth.

Please join us on Sunday, November 2nd for the 26th Annual SSP Cabaret. A free-will offering will be taken to help support our youth on their Sierra Service Project this summer. Shows will be performed at 5pm and 7pm, and delicious desserts will be provided.

November 2nd is All Saints Sunday and loved ones who have passed away this past year will be recognized. Please email the church the name of your loved one by October 29th.

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.**

Fill the Bowl Project



The Fill the Bowl Project is part of the Humane Society of the United States' Animal Protection Ministries program. Every year, thousands of churches across the county donate food to local food pantries and other programs that help fight hunger. Pets are a vital part of our community but are often overlooked in times of need.

Through the Fill the Bowl Project, faith communities can help by collecting new, unopened cans and bags of pet food (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, etc). One simple donation provides food for a pet and peace of mind for an owner. Donations will be collected from October 1st to November 4th 2025. Look for the Fill the Bowl Project bin outside the Children's Center Office or in Jordan Hall.

Trunk or Treat!



Friday, October 31 is our annual Trunk or Treat event! There are different ways to get involved. You can bring your car to our line-up and hand out candy from your trunk (decorated if you like) to the little ghosts and goblins or you can bring your families and children to enjoy a safe and fun evening of trick-or-treating.

The event will take place from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the church parking lot, including a puppet show at 7:00pm. If you hare interested in bringing your car to hand out treats or would like to donate candy, please contact the Church Office.

New Members Orientation Offered on Oct. 26th and Nov. 2nd

For those interested in joining Church of the Good Shepherd or transferring their membership from another UMC. To sign up for one of the dates or to receive more info please contact Pastor Eva (626) 447-2181 or by email PastorEva@cgsum.org. And save the date for **Nov. 16th** when new members will be received in worship!

Save the Date for Commitment Sunday on November 16th!

We will have a special blessing of the 2026 pledge cards and will receive new members in worship. Then all are invited to a delicious lunch in the hall as we celebrate the church ministries. The Stewardship letters will be mailed out this week and more information will be provided in future bulletins and newsletters.

The Book Group

Join us on October 15 as we start a discussion of our new book, *The Covenant of Water*. We meet in the library at 11:30. Park in the Holly Avenue lot or street for easier access to the library.

NEW MINISTRY ALERT- STARTING IN OCTOBER!
COME TO THE TABLE
SMALL GROUPS MEAL GATHERINGS

To Build Deeper Relationships One Meal at a Time



AT EACH GATHERING
· Group Members Arrive and Gather
· Begin meal with an Opening Prayer and an Opening Question
· Continue meal & Discuss any of the Food for the Soul Questions
· Close with sharing Prayer Requests and a Closing Prayer

SMALL GROUP DAYS/TIMES/LOCATIONS
· 1st TUESDAYS of each month- 6:00pm Dinner- at a Sierra Madre Home
· 2nd MONDAYS of each month- 12noon Lunch- at a Monrovia Home
· 3rd THURSDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Arcadia Home
· 4th SUNDAYS of each month- a 6:00pm Dinner- at a Hastings Ranch Home

Contact Pastor Eva (626-447-2181 or PastorEva@cgsum.org) if you have any questions.

SIGN UP CARD: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN IN PERSON ON SUNDAY OR EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO PASTOR EVA (PastorEva@cgsum.org)

Name:_____

Contact (phone/email)_____

List 1st & 2nd Choices of Small Group Days/Times_____

List Allergies (foods, pets, etc)_____

Need: _____ Childcare _____ Carpool _____ Likes to Cook

RESTAURANT BJ's BREWHOUSE

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO RAISE MONEY!

Date: **Oct 15, 2025** Time: **4:00PM to 9:00PM**

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

400 E. Huntington Drive
Arcadia, CA 91006
626-462-1494

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

Good Shepherd Children's Center Dine-Out

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.

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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



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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

November Save the Dates: 11/16 Commitment Sunday Service and Luncheon and 11/24 Thanksgiving Chapel Service (Monday at 7:00pm)

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.