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

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services on our Church Website or Facebook Group Page
Or for IN-PERSON at 10:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The First Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
We return to In-Person Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Scripture: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 and Matthew 6:5-15
Sermon: "Living a Prayerful Life: How to Start"
Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Pastor Eva will begin a new sermon series for the Season of Lent focusing on Living a Prayerful Life. Throughout his ministry, Jesus prayed. He prayed in the wilderness, in the temples, by the lakeshores, on the mountain tops. For Jesus, prayer strengthened his connection to God and guided him in his mission. So, as we enter into 40 days of reflection for Lent, let us also examine and enter into a prayerful life as Jesus did.

Prelude: "Prelude on 'Brethren We Have Met to Worship'" arr. Cherwien
Postlude: "Praise to the Lord" arr. Cherwien
Stephen Cook, Director of Music on Organ
Introit: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"
Special Music and Anthem: "Be Still My Soul" by Dan Bird
Garrison Holder, Solo
Congregational Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal: "How Great Thou Art #77", "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord #352", "I Come With Joy #617 vs.1-3"

Sunday School *for preschoolers and elementary grade kids will meet In-Person in Jordan Hall following the Children's Time in the Sanctuary.*

All are Invited to ***Fellowship Time in the Courtyard*** *after the worship service. People may take their Communion Elements to be eaten in the courtyard and also Morgan Noonchester will be selling Girl Scout Cookies.*

Among the Church Family



In Our Prayers:

The Memorial Service for **Mindy Black, Jeff Black's mom,** will be held here at Good Shepherd this Saturday, March 5, at 3:30 p.m. (please note time change).



JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY - ASHES TO GO

(March 2nd 8am-10am and 3:30-5:30pm)

Please remember to wear your masks and drive up or walk up to the main sanctuary doors off of the large church parking lot to receive ashes that will be given on a piece of burlap with a safety pin to wear. The ash-marked square symbolizes the mark of the cross usually borne by each person on this date, but the square can last longer and become a symbol for the whole Lenten season. Over time, the ashes will fade from the square but the burlap will remain, a constant symbol of renewal and forgiveness.

HOLY COMMUNION AND RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

(March 6th at 10am)



Join us for the first Sunday in Lent worship service. Check in and masks will still be required as we hope to keep all safe. Our wonderful choir section leaders and music director will provide music, Pastor Eva will begin a new sermon series on Prayer, and all will receive prepackaged Communion cups and wafers.

CGS Foundation - Grant Funding for 2022 is Open!!

We've turned the calendar to 2022 and your CGS Foundation is open to receiving and considering the funding of 2022 grant requests. The purpose of a grant must be the aid, promotion, and development of the religious, charitable, and educational activities, purposes, functions, and progress of the Church of the Good Shepherd UMC, Arcadia. All grant applications must be submitted online only using the Foundation Online Grant Form - click the link below. Online grant application assistance will be provided when requested.
Year-Round Grant Application

SARAH CIRCLE MEETING, Thursday, March 3, 7 PM

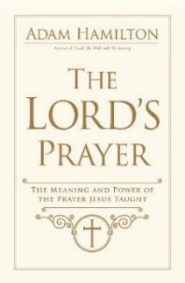
Sarah Circle will be meeting via Zoom. Our program will feature Rev. Stephen Wilson discussing the chaplaincy program at Methodist Hospital. Contact Sandy Jelinek (1-626-287-5452) if you would like a link to join us.

UNION STATION THANKS

Union Station Homeless Services in Pasadena sends their thanks to those friends who purchased Alternative Market gifts to benefit their work. In 2021 they helped 1,000 people to find safe housing and END THEIR HOMELESSNESS! They opened two Project Homekey sites and housed more than 100 people in El Sereno and will open an additional site in El Monte in 2022. They will also open a Tiny Village community in Eagle Rock which will provide 45 more units of interim housing. They have expanded their street medicine outreach program in partnership with USC Keck School of Medicine.

Your partnership with Union Station means someone else will sleep safer tonight and begin to rebuild their life. With a 97% housing retention rate, you can be sure that your donation is the first step towards ending homelessness. To further support Union Station send your gifts to UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES, 825 E. Orange Grove Blvd. Pasadena, Ca 91104.

REMINDER: DO NOT respond to fake emails that claim to be from Pastor Eva but are not from her umcpastoreva@gmail.com email and are asking for favors, money, gift cards, etc.



CGS BOOK STUDY FOR LENT 2022 – NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Our 2022 Lenten book study will be based on *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* by Pastor Adam Hamilton. The discussions will be 6 Mondays, February 28 through April 4, 2022, 7:00PM to 8:00PM via ZOOM. The 1-hour meeting will include a 15-minute DVD of Pastor Hamilton's sharing his thoughts followed by our discussing the main points of the book, related scripture, and DVD.

We know the Lord's Prayer by heart; we pray it often. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it? Each week we will explore a different line of the prayer and its meaning in the Bible, in prayer, and our lives. The book is available from Cokesbury or Amazon. Please let Diane Lucas know (dlucasarc@gmail.com) if you will be attending so she can send the weekly Zoom link to you. We look forward to our meaningful time together! ***-Diane & Craig Lucas***

A Message from Pastor Eva:

As Church of the Good Shepherd prepares for in person worship again this Sunday, I have been reflecting on our beautiful Sanctuary space and how to keep it as both a sacred space and a safe space. It is a sacred space where we worship God and hear his words through music, liturgy, and the sermon. It also needs to be a safe space, where masks are worn and safety procedures are followed in order to keep all healthy and well. I admit, I sometimes worry and am fearful about how to accomplish both that is pleasing in God's eyes. Then, as God often does, he reminds me of the importance of being brave and of the power of gathering with fellow believers.

In one photo- you see a priest in Ukraine who brought the worship service to the people who were living in a bomb shelter for safety during the Russian attacks on their city.



And in another set of photos- you see St. John's UMC in the Los Angeles Watts area after a fire burned part of the Sanctuary, and their parking lot worship service the day after the fire.

I am inspired by the bravery of the clergy who lead their congregations during difficult times, and the faithfulness of the members who seek to worship God and be in connection with one another. So, this Lenten Season, I invite all who are able to return to Church of the Good Shepherd for our 10am Sunday in person worship services in our sacred and safe Sanctuary space.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Eva





Wednesday, March 2
Ash Wednesday – Ashes-to-Go in the West Parking Lot
8:00–10:00 am and 3:30–5:30 pm

Sunday, March 6
First Sunday in Lent and the Return to
In-Person Worship at 10:00 am



open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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