

Church of the Good Shepherd

United Methodist

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 23, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Broadcast Live to Methodist Hospital (Channel 6) at 10:00 a.m.

As we prepare for worship, let us be in prayer and meditation.

Please "Check In" on social media, then set all electronic devices to the silent mode.

Centering Meditation:

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

-Teresa of Calcutta

GATHERING

Prelude

"Sonate K 287 1. Andante"

Giuseppe Scarlatti
Stephen Cook, Organ

The Chimes

The Introit

"Morning Alleluia"

J. L. Clark

***Words of Welcome and Greeting**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

People: We offer to God our hearts, our souls and our minds in love and devotion.

Leader: We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

People: We offer our care and concern for our neighbors.

Leader: Our neighbors may be near or far, friends or enemies.

People: All who are created by God are children of God.

LIFTING PRAISE AND PRAYER

***Hymn of Praise**

"Maker in Whom We Live"

Red Hymnal 88

The Unison Prayer

O God who loves us enough to give us guidance for our lives: Grant us the wisdom to understand that we are not to worship the commandments but the One who gave them. Help us to love you and care for others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Song of Praise

"I've Got a River of Life"

L. Casebolt

I've got a river of life flowing out of me,
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see;
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free,
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Spring up, O well within my soul!
Spring up, O well, and make me whole.
Spring up, O well, and give to me
That life abundantly.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Word for Children

At this time we release the children to go to their classes.

Epistle Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Larry Callaham, Lay Reader

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

***The Hymn of Preparation**

"Blessed Assurance"

Red Hymnal 369

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"Come, Thou Almighty King!"

arr. Tipton

Youth Bells; Carolyn Noonchester, Conductor

The Message

"Be at Peace – With Yourself"

Pastor George Hooper

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

Receiving Our Offerings

The Offertory

"Go Into the World"

Natalie Sleeth

Youth Choir; Janice Clark, Conductor; Franklyn Shen, Accompanist

***The Doxology**

(Unison)

Red Hymnal 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Amen

**SENDING FORTH
TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

***Hymn of Dedication**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Red Hymnal 557

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"A Closing Prayer"

Don Besig

**The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His son
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men. A—men.**

***Postlude**

"When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified"

arr. Laura Page

Stephen Cook, Organ

**The congregation standing, if able.*

The flowers on the altar this morning are:

In honor of Jacqueline Snavely by Adrian Cook and Suzanne Scheideker Cook.

In memory of Shirley Ashby by her family.

In honor of Dick Van Kirk as he celebrates his birthday by his family.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Alive!

Please remember to sign the attendance pad.

Registration for the November 2-4, 29th Annual Women's Retreat has begun! The speaker is the Rev. Dr. Faith Conklin. Her topic is "Shouts of Joy, Cries of Pain – Finding God and Ourselves in the Psalms." Reservations are taken on a "first come, first served" basis. A waiting list will be started if all the spots are filled. Register by October 1 and receive an "early-bird" discount of \$35!

Men – Save the Dates – 10-26 and 10-27 – World religions and the questions we ask will be the focus of our **CGS Men's Event (2018 Retreat – 14th Annual)** on Friday evening, October 26, and Saturday Morning, October 27, at CGS. More details in our church newsletter this week or contact Craig Lucas clucasarc@gmail.com.

English Conversational Ministry of Church of the Good Shepherd classes meet on Fridays, 9:30 – 11 a.m. throughout the school year.

JPL's famous "Big Band Theory" is coming back to Church of the Good Shepherd on **Saturday evening, October 6 from 6 to 10-pm**. This "must attend" nostalgic event includes dinner, dance lessons, and social dancing. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of the San Gabriel Valley. The church office has tickets available to purchase.

On Sunday, October 7, flu shots will be provided in our church lounge for person 18 years and older. Sign up for your flu shot after church.

On October 21, 2018, Gary Kovacic will moderate a panel of CGS members who will help explain the 11 state measures on the upcoming November ballot. As always, this year's **ballot measures** are wide-ranging (with issues ranging from housing assistance, water projects, and children's health care to fuel taxes, rent control, and daylight savings time). The Forum will feature an objective summary of each ballot measure. Come to learn about your choices, and leave ready to cast an informed vote. The Forum will be held in Jordan Hall starting at 11:15 a.m., after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Please join Pastor George, **Foothill Unity Center** Executive Director Betty McWilliams, and CGS member and Foothill Unity VP Gary Kovacic for coffee, pastries, and conversation after church on **October 28**. This special program will be held in Jordan Hall at 11:30 am. CGS has long supported Foothill Unity and its mission to "help neighbors in crisis to attain self-sufficiency by partnering with the community and using our resources wisely to provide vital support services with love and dignity." This past spring Foothill Unity moved into its new home located at 790 W. Chestnut Avenue in Monrovia. The speakers will share with you the journey that brought Foothill Unity to its new home and how you might get involved with Phase 2 of its capital campaign. Tours of the new facility will be available after the program.

Please remember the Church in your will.

Ministers: Members of the Congregation

Resident Bishop: Bishop Grant J. Hagiya

District Superintendent: Melissa Roux MacKinnon

Pastor: George Hooper

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Franklyn Shen

Director of Music Ministry: Peter Green

Director of the Good Shepherd Children's Center: Linda Brown