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Sunday, July 5, 2020

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 44:1-3 and Matthew 11:25-30

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

In-person gatherings remain suspended through the beginning of July at CGS.

Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services that will continue to be online  
(church website or Facebook Group Page).

**DRIVE THRU COMMUNION OFFERED THIS SUNDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> (11:30am-12:30pm)**

For Worship this Sunday, we will continue to have the Love Feast during the on-line worship service, but we will also offer a Special Drive Thru Communion option as well at the church.

- Please Enter the Large West Parking Lot off Duarte and Follow Signs to Stations 1-3
- Remain in Your Car at All Times
- You may open your window (if you choose) when you stop at each station, but **MUST WEAR A MASK** and your car must remain six feet away from each greeter at the Stations.
- At the last Station- Pastor Eva will give you a Communion Blessings and Benediction



**And coming July 12, the Youth Choir and UMYF** will present an online youth service featuring a concert performance of the musical "Sidekick." Set in the small town of Darien, Connecticut, "Sidekick" tells the tale of what happens when a wealthy couple pays to bring in some New York theater professionals to spice up the Darien Community Theater's annual benefit revue. "Sidekick" will be presented in a combination of zoom-recorded dialogue and physically-distanced recorded songs, accompanied by UMYF director, **Franklyn Shen**, and recorded and edited by Youth Choir alumna, **Stephanie Shen**. The musical was written, composed and directed by **Janice Clark**. We look forward to sharing "Sidekick" with you. Please tune into the link posted on cgsum.org on July 12.

**Among the Church Family**  
***In Our Prayers***

Our prayers are with **June and John Fee** as June recuperates at Methodist Hospital.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Carol Libby**. Carol, although not a CGS member, was very involved in multiple groups in Arcadia. She will be missed by so many.

## Our Interim Director of Music



Church of the Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that Dr. Stephen Cook will serve as the Interim Director of Music Ministry. Dr. Cook joined the CGS music ministry program over 15 years ago as Organist/Accompanist and we are thankful for the gifts and talent he brings as he now expands this role to include Director of Music Ministry.

Stephen received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music degrees from the University of South Carolina where he studied composition and piano performance and pedagogy. He completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California. He currently serves as Dean of Arts at the California School of the Arts | San Gabriel Valley and as Chair of the Piano Department at the Pasadena Conservatory of Music.

Stephen is a frequent clinician and adjudicator for such organizations as the Music Teachers' Association of California and the Southwestern Youth Music Festival. Past activities included adjudication of the Pro-Romania International Piano Competition in Bucharest, Romania, performance and master classes in Tokyo, Japan, Carnegie Hall, New York; sacred anthems published by Abingdon Press; publications in *The American Music Teacher* and *Keyboard Companion*; composer/arranger for numerous musicals for children, film and web soundtracks and orchestral arrangements for performances by Broadway talent, Susan Egan.

## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years – Floral Tributes

Flowers, like music, have an indisputable role in the lives of a church and its worshippers. Church of the Good Shepherd is no exception, as it has a long history of enhancing its sanctuaries with beautiful blossoms. But its most recent history began about 30 years ago.

The late Tom Sinclair, commonly known as The General, suggested an idea for paying tribute on Veterans Day and the Marine Corps anniversary to our men and women who have served our country in the military. He proposed red, white, and blue altar flowers as appropriate. The concept soon caught on with Jack Kelly followed by Roy Gilliam and Ralph Breeden (all deceased). Then when May came around, it seemed only fitting to mark Memorial Day the same way. And thus it has been ever since! On these two holidays, both the Sunday bulletin list all servicemen and women, past and present, with their name, rank, and branch of service, and also indicating those who are deceased. An asterisk denotes if the flowers were donated by a family member or friend. The donations, completely voluntary, help pay for the bouquets.

But our year-round altar arrangements are significant features in the Church of the Good Shepherd, too. They connote the beauty and peacefulness so welcome during our times of worship. They're in the Chapel for the early service, then carried to the Chancel for the 10 o'clock service. Members can provide flowers in honor or memory of someone special. In the narthex is a calendar where they can sign up for the Sundays they would like to sponsor an altar arrangement which may be taken home by the donors after the 10 o'clock service. Anniversaries, birthdays and weddings are popular times to celebrate. Since the pastor announces the names and occasions for the honoree, the entire congregation can join in the well-wishing.

Banks of blooming plants surround the altar on church holidays. At Christmastime, poinsettias fairly glow with their red warmth. Easter, of course, must have Easter Lilies, but they may be augmented with colorful mums, azaleas or hydrangeas.

Some of the happiest and some of the saddest occasions in both personal and church life are marked with lovely flowers. Weddings often mean the bride's bouquet and her bridesmaids', and possibly a boutonniere. That's in addition to those displayed in the church—and even, perhaps, at the reception. Brides who are members and who wed on a Saturday may designate that some of their wedding flowers are left for the Sunday worshippers. Flowers are usually a comforting part of the memorial 'celebration of the life' of the loved one who has died. Again, some arrangements may be left for Sunday.

Our attention is often focused on the altar flowers in all their colorful hues, so we may not notice a small vase alongside them. Sometimes, however, there is a tiny rosebud that welcomes a new baby into our world. Whether child or grandchild, the small one seems to bring hope to all of us for the coming days and years.



**Important Survey:** A special church committee, called Together Again, has been formed to work on the required guidelines. The committee would like your input as we work on reopening worship. Please fill out the attached survey and mail or return it to the church office by Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> OR complete it on-line via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJS35BR>

Your participation is greatly appreciated.  
*Together in Christ's Service- Pastor Eva*

**TOGETHER AGAIN SURVEY FOR RE-OPENING CGS**

California Pacific UMC Guidelines along with LA County and CDC policies will require churches to practice the following procedures for Worship Gatherings: all must wear face masks; maintain 6 feet seating distance; NO congregational or full choir singing; one way in and one way out foot traffic; sanitizing of Sanctuary and Restroom spaces immediately after use; and pre-worship check in that may include temperature checks, health update forms, and liability waivers.

*To help the church prepare for open worship services again- please answer the following questions.*

1. **What is your age group?**  
 Under 25  
 25-44  
 45-64  
 65+
  
2. **Do you consider yourself or someone in your home to be in one of the “high-risk” categories for COVID-19 (e.g., older adults, underlying health conditions- such as diabetes, lung disease, heart disease or compromised immune system)?**  
 YES  
 NO
  
3. **Have you worshipped online with CGS during the “Stay-at-Home” weeks?**  
 YES  
 NO
  
4. **Given your current understanding of the spread of coronavirus, which of the following is necessary for you to attend an in-person worship service? (check all that apply)**  
 Stay-at-home orders have been lifted  
 Other public gatherings have resumed (concerts, theaters, sporting events, etc.)  
 When a vaccine or treatment for COVID-19 becomes widely available  
 I don't know if I will ever feel comfortable attending public gatherings
  
5. **In addition to the CAL-PAC safety and sanitation guidelines as stated in this material, when we resume in-person worship services, how important will the following activities be for you to have a sufficient comfort level? (check all that apply)**

	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Congregational singing				
Choir singing				
Congregational responses or readings				
Child care, nurseries and Sunday School offered				
Coffee service & Fellowship after worship				

## Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

Worship services will continue to be on-line only during the beginning of July.

**July 5** – Fourth of July weekend.

**July 12** – The Youth Choir and UMYF will present an online youth service featuring a concert performance of the musical “Sidekick.” See front page for more details.

**Ladies, The 2020 Women’s Retreat Weekend is October 16-18. Pastor Eva will be our leader!! Mark your calendars now so you don’t have a conflict!!** We hope by October we can have our event! We will keep you posted on whether we can do it as scheduled or postpone it. One option is to move it to spring next year. We are in dialog with Aldersgate Retreat Center about possible dates in 2021...avoiding Easter, of course! Or just reschedule for fall 2021. If you have any feedback at this time, please email Linda Doran at [ldoran@cgsun.org](mailto:ldoran@cgsun.org) with your thoughts.

We are also considering a one day meeting, or possibly three Saturdays in a row to meet in the fall. Not our usual retreat, but a chance to be together (social distancing, of course) and reconnect be we are able to have our actual retreat next year.



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