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Please join us for ONLINE Sunday Worship Services (church website or Facebook Group Page)

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**This Sunday in Worship**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6 and Philippians 3:17-21**

**Sermon: Journey of the Heart: IMITATING**

**Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**Prelude and Postlude: "Prelude on Jesus the Very" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**Introit and Anthems: "What Wondrous Love Is This", "How Will They Know",**

**Garrison Holder Solo, and Bell Choir Piece**

**Congregational Hymns: "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded #132", "On Eagle's Wings #143" and  
"Come Away With Me- from the Faith We Sing #2202"**

**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Please include all those mentioned previously in your prayers and add **Michael Stevens**, brother-in-law of **Catherine Doster**, who is undergoing heart surgery on Wednesday, February 24. Pray he needs a stent vs. by-pass surgery.

*Kudos to:*

Congrats to **Brenda Halberstadt** who received the Rotary Teacher of the Year award for Hugo Reid Elementary School and to **Bart Halberstadt** who was named the Masters of Harmony Barbershopper of the Year! Great way to start 2021!

**"Hey Youth!**

What's your love language? Take a quick break from online school and join ZZP with SSP for fun, arts and crafts on Thursday, February 25 at 3:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). This special Sierra Service Project program is for youth and their families, and is led by CGS UMYF President Tyler Ross and youth from across California! The monthly gatherings are open to entire households. Register for free at [sierraserviceproject.org](http://sierraserviceproject.org) -> zzp with ssp."

**CGS Foundation Grants**

The CGS Foundation Year-Round Grant Program is open for 2021 grant requests. Grants must foster spiritual growth or facilitate membership growth of 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](#)



# Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

## Through the Years

### And now—Sanctuary Kneelers

Once the Kneeling Cushions for the Chapel were finished and properly dedicated, it seemed only logical to start a new and larger endeavor: cushions for the Sanctuary. This would require more kneelers—12 instead of eight. But by then, the number of stitchers had grown to 10 eager and talented women. Those who had worked on the Chapel Kneelers were Shirley Francis, Doris Belew, June Fee, Vera MacDonald (June's mother), and Laura Derrick. Joining them for the Sanctuary Kneelers were Elsie Craig, Loyce McWee, Marian Rodgers, Lynn Schubert and Betty Wall.



After six months of detailed planning, actual stitching began in November of 1991. Lannea Melzian created the art work. Two pointed arches representing praying hands were chosen for the theme. Centered within were various crosses, each a symbol of Christianity. When you have knelt on a cushion at the communion rail, have you admired the rich, deep red color? marveled at the more than 80,000 needlepoint stitches on just one cushion? ever wondered what the symbols meant?

The “Cross Crosslet” has four Latin crosses expressing missionary work; a “Cross with Snake” reminds us of the tempter in the Garden of Eden; Greek letters “Chi Rho” were an early secret abbreviation for Christ; “Crusaders Cross with Dove” describes the Holy Spirit descending from heaven like a dove; “Holy Cross and Flames” shows tongues of fire; “Staff and Key” indicates Jesus with the key to the Kingdom of Heaven; “INRI” defines the letters on the cross; “Cross Trefflee with Orb” is a trefoil design suggesting the Trinity; “Cross with Grapes” reminds us of John saying “I am the vine you are the branches”; “Cross Transcending World” symbolizes Christ triumphing over sin in the world; and “Cross and Crown” suggests the reward of life after death for the faithful.

Church members were so enthusiastic about the Chancel Kneelers that many were prompted to make donations toward the costs of the canvas and Persian wool needed. The Board of Trustees, and the Co-Weds and the Marri-Mates fellowship groups each made contributions. Good Shepherd Foundation awarded two grants, one for \$400 in 2000 and another for \$150 in 2003. In addition to several individual donations, three memorial funds were set up.

The dedication of the Sanctuary Kneelers was celebrated on June 20, 1993. Robert Bermingham, chair of the Board of Trustees, accepted the gift on behalf of the trustees and congregation. June and Shirley proudly represented the ladies who had given of their love and talent to make the needlepoint kneelers. It was fitting that Mother Teresa was quoted in the dedication brochure: “It is how much love we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God.”

But the story does not end here. It continues as the stitchers again pick up their needlepoint labors of love, and go full circle back to where it all began—to Washington’s National Cathedral.

## The Season of Lent

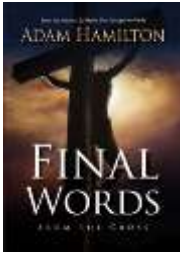


As you all probably know, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, was last week. Traditionally, Lent is a time of repentance, abstinence and preparation. We repent from our waywardness from God and turn back to Him; we fast and abstain to stay oriented towards God, and we ultimately prepare for Christ’s resurrection and our own ministry that follows from it. Thus, I encourage you this Lent to take some time doing precisely these things: reflect on where you and where our church have strayed from doing God’s will and turn back to God; fast from some item or

practice to stay oriented to God (if you choose food/drink or some type of each, please just make sure that it’s medically advisable), and reflect on how these practices spiritually prepare you for Christ’s coming resurrection as well as your own and the church’s ministry. Through these practices and sharing in Christ’s resurrection, may you experience renewal on that joyous day when we celebrate Christ victoriously rising from the ashes with life and hope.



*-Michael Chesnut, Ministerial Intern*



**CGS 2021 LENTEN BOOK STUDY**  
**FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS**

by Pastor Adam Hamilton

UMC of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas

Via Zoom, discussions will be 7 MONDAYS

February 22 through April 5, 2021, 7-8 pm

led by Diane & Craig Lucas

Each chapter begins with the biblical account of Jesus’s last statements followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus’ dying words for our lives today. Join us and invite a friend to discuss how these powerful and meaningful statements have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. The book is available from Cokesbury and Amazon. To reserve and attend, contact Diane Lucas [dlucasarc@gmail.com](mailto:dlucasarc@gmail.com).

**The 2021 Flower Chart**

Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd”). Please mail the check to the church and write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line. Or you may pay for flowers online through the church website. The church office will place your order with ZuZu’s Petals of Arcadia and have the personalized message announced in church by Pastor Eva on the appropriate Sunday. After the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service that Sunday, you may stop by the church to take your flowers home with you or let us know and we will have them in the church office on Monday morning after 9:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to beautify our worship center.



**2021 Memorial/Veteran’s Day Flowers**

It has become a tradition at our church to have special Chancel Flowers on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day in honor of **all** those who have served or are currently serving in our country’s armed forces. We would like to honor your service, or the service of a loved one, by adding your name, rank and the branch in which you served to our list. We invite you to give a donation to the flower fund to keep this tradition going. Checks should be made payable to “Church of the Good Shepherd” and turned into the office with “Veterans’ Flowers” on the memo line of the check. Suggested annual donation of \$20 covers both holidays. Those making a donation will be shown with an asterisk, but all who have served or are currently serving will be listed.



**The Season of Lent Has Begun!**

The church is offering many Virtual Activities for Lent and we hope you will join us for these activities!

Mondays: Lenten Book Study (via Zoom at 7pm)

Wednesdays: Devotion Time with Pastor Eva's, Soloists, and Piano (video available on Facebook Group Page and church website after 3pm)

Fridays: Reflection Time with Seminary Intern Michael Chesnut (video available on Facebook Group Page and church website after 3pm)



Sunday Socials: Ice Cream Social this Sunday, February 28 at 1pm. Have a bowl of ice cream or any dessert and join us for conversation and fellowship (via Zoom- Meeting ID: 859 7041 8972 and Passcode: 836905)

Plus save the date for Drive Thru Communion on Palm Sunday (March 28)



## Fundraiser Postponed

Children's Center fundraiser dine-out event at the Temple City (Baldwin and Las Tunas) El Pollo Loco has been postponed. We will let you know about it being rescheduled.



### Walking Group

Our walking group meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8 am. Everyone is welcome! Bring and wear a mask and plan to social distance. For more information call walk leader, Catherine Doster, 626-365-6447 or email her at [catherine.doster@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.doster@yahoo.com)

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