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Sunday, May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 66:8-16 and John 14:15-21

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

County "Stay at Home Order" continues into May. In-person gatherings remain suspended.

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



Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

Through the Years

Symbolism in the Church

...as viewed by the Rev. Thatcher Jordan

It was many years ago that the Rev. Thatcher Jordan wrote about symbolism in the church. His was rather an unusual take on the subject. When does a symbol aid in its primary purpose—the worship of God; and when does it become an ornament to be admired? he asked. Let's look at some symbols in Church of the Good Shepherd. In our sanctuary is the large stained glass window depicting Jesus with a sheep over his shoulder and a shepherd's crook in his hand. It seems to say that Jesus was a good shepherd for his flock, especially caring for a little lost sheep. It is symbolic, but not historical: Jesus was a carpenter and teacher, not a shepherd. While at the window, we might look for a halo on Jesus' head. Its very absence is symbolic that, says Pastor Jordan, "the attractive power of Jesus is not his supernatural authority but his real life revelation of the character of God." Theologians and artists invented the halo, Pastor Jordan maintains. In front of the window hangs a cross. Admire its beauty, perhaps, but always recall that it is a symbol of Jesus' horrible suffering and death. In contrast, a planter of greenery behind the altar reminds us of the life and growth that will always be present in the sanctuary. High above us in the balcony is the Rose Window. In its center is a lamb, a symbol of Christ, the Lamb of God. The hill in the background has four rivers of life flowing in four directions, indicating the church's challenge that "the spirit and truth of the Gospel must flow into all the world," says Pastor Jordan. The baptismal font that sits on the floor of the nave is really symbolic. Here is where, in the ritual of baptism, persons (usually very young ones) are dedicated to Christ and the Church. Up at the communion rail, worshippers kneel to ask for forgiveness of sins, to rededicate themselves to the Christian way, and to receive Holy Communion. And finally, the sanctuary holds one more great symbol—the music of the pipe organ. To quote Pastor Jordan who so eloquently describes it, "The organ will play quietly like the soothing music of wind in the pines. It will play with mounting crescendo like storm waves pounding on the shore. Whether loud or soft, the music of the organ has one purpose—it is to open the gates of our emotions to God. If you are tense or fearful, the organ will help you relax. If you are listless or uncertain, the organ will challenge you to action. Thank God for the ministry of organ music."

National Day of Prayer

Arcadia Interfaith Action Group's compilation of prayers for the National Day of Prayer can be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvvW5r_psTw . Participants include: **Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin; Rev. Stephen Wilson, Methodist Hospital; Betty McWilliams, Foothill Unity Center; and other faith community leaders.**

For Pentecost Sunday Service

Pentecost Sunday is May 31st! It will be a virtual online worship service to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the early church. We hope to fill the pews with photos of church members and church friends!

Please email a photo of you and/or your family to Pastor Eva by May 25th at:

PastorEva@cgsum.org

(This photo is an example of what we hope for Pentecost Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd.)



Family Promise – “Calling all Supporters”! For “Virtual” Spring Hosting

The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted Family Promise, both nationally and at our local level, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley (FPSGV). For the first time in the history of Family Promise, guest families are being housed in motels until the stay-at-home order is lifted. Good Shepherd is also under shut-down restrictions. Our Cal-Pac Conference Bishop, Grant Hagiya, is asking each congregation to remain “dark” until June 1st. Since we are committed to host FP guests May 24-31, we need to follow the recommendation of our church and FPSGV to make appropriate adjustments in our hosting. For the safety of the current guest family and our CGS FP volunteers, Good Shepherd will “virtually” host our one guest family at a local motel and provide delivered take-out meals during our scheduled hosting week. The cost of this week of “virtual” hosting is \$1,000. The CGS FP Team is asking our congregational supporters to raise the \$1,000 needed to keep our one family currently in the Family Promise program safe and secure in a local motel and ensure that they have access to food. There are two ways to financially support this effort:

Mail In:

1. Write a check to Church of the Good Shepherd.
2. Put “CGS FP #8240” on the memo line.

On Line:

1. Go to www.cgsum.org.
2. Click on the “ONLINE GIVING” button.
3. Ignore the “Log In” box.
4. Enter your donation in the “Family Promise Hosting” box.
5. Click on the “CONTINUE” button to proceed to the check out page.



Matthew 14: 15-16 the disciples came to him and said, ...”Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat”.

2020 Hosting Schedule	
Spring	May 24 -- May 31
Summer	July 26 – August 1
Fall	October 25 – October 31

-David Steinmeier, Family Promise Communications Coordinator,
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Parenting the Love and Logic Way

GOOD NEWS about **Parenting the Love and Logic Way** classes. For a short time, until May 15th, Love and Logic is offering their Online Parenting class for FREE. With schools closed and kids at home all the time, we know parents are find it even more difficult to deal effectively with their children. We are pleased to let you know there is help out there. All you need to do is go to: www.loveandlogic.com and register to take the class before the May 15th deadline. You then have up to 3 months to complete the class. Click on the Classes and Conferences icon and then proceed to register for the online parenting class. Follow the directions and when you go to check out the charge will be \$0.00. When this offer is over the regular cost will once again be \$99. If you would prefer to take a face to face class here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, facilitator **Joann Steinmeier** will once again be offering the class but only when it is again safe to do so.

Join US!



Help Support Foothill Unity Center

May 12 - 14, 2020

Tuesday – Thursday All Day

Just mention Foothill Unity Fundraiser and 30% of the proceeds from your purchase (including Alcoholic Beverages) will be donated to the Foothill Unity Center. No Coupons or Specials during event. Event is only for Pick-Up. Orders can be placed in person, over the phone or online at Numerounopizzapasadena.com. Please make sure to mention Foothill Unity Fundraiser under Special Instructions for online orders.



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Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendars!!

We are postponing plans for all events for now. We will keep you posted on date changes.

Pictorial Directory Photos have been postponed until October 7-10

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!!

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. 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. 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 by May 20 with "Veterans' Flowers" on the memo line of the check or through the online giving method. [ONLINE GIVING \(Click\)](#)

- a) Go to **Altar Flowers** and enter your donation.
- b) In the box next to your donation, enter, "**Veterans' Flowers**"
- c) Select the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page and then enter your payment information.



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