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

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**This Sunday in Worship**

***Third Sunday in Lent***

**Love Feast in worship (prepare own bread and drink at home)**

**(Drive Thru Communion will be on March 21)**

**Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8 and Luke 13:1-9**

**Sermon: Journey of the Heart: Repenting, Pastor Eva Thai-Erwin, Preaching**

**Prelude and Postlude: "Brethren We Have Met To Worship" and "Praise to the Lord"**

**Introit and Anthems: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee", "Worthy is the Lamb",  
and Susan Holder solo**

**Congregational Hymns from UM Red Hymnal: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above #126",  
"Wonderful Words of Life #600", and "Blessed Assurance #369"**

**Among the Church Family**

*In Our Prayers:*

Please include all those mentioned previously in your prayers and include **Dan Place** who is recovery from a stroke.

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

As we prepare for Easter, we also plan the preparation of our sanctuary for Easter. Even though our services are not currently open for in-person worship, we will continue to adorn our altar area with potted spring flowers. These are purchased by members or friends of our congregation in "memory of" or in "honor of" someone special. The potted flowers can be picked up by the purchasers after the Easter service (time to be determined closer to Easter) or donated for delivery to our members who are more home bound. Prices of the potted flowers are listed below.



Please send the following information and payment to the church office by March 21. Make checks payable to Church of the Good Shepherd & write Easter flowers on the memo line. For further information, contact Margaret Blair or the church office. Thank you!

Your name & phone number \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Double Lily \$15.00 # \_\_\_\_\_

Mum \$12.50 # \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangea \$17.50. # \_\_\_\_\_

Azalea \$17.50 # \_\_\_\_\_

I will pick up my plant/s on Easter Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_

Please take my plant/s to a homebound church member. \_\_\_\_\_



## Celebrating 75 Years of Christian Ministry and Mission

### Through the Years

#### Kneelers for a Cathedral

The 20 needlepoint kneeling cushions for both our chapel and sanctuary were complete in 1993. In addition, June Fee and Shirley Francis had stitched two chair pads for the lectern and the pulpit. Another two cushions, the Evangelistic Kneelers, had designs chosen for the four gospels. On one, Matthew's has a winged figure alluding to Jesus' genealogy, and Mark's Winged Lion suggests Christ's kingly nature. On the second cushion, the Winged Ox bespeaks Christ's sacrificial death from Luke, and the soaring Eagle on John's symbolizes His Divine nature.

With this, it seemed the Good Shepherd needlepoint stitchers had completed their mission. But wait! an invitation came to make four cushions for the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.! This is where Shirley, in the early 90s, had seen kneelers that had inspired her to suggest the idea for our church to Pastor Frank Finkbiner.

The invitation was not without its constraints. Our women were chosen from hundreds nationwide who submitted samples of their stitching. "The work had to be just as good on the back as on the front," said June. Moreover, they had to sign a contract to finish the kneelers within a year or send them back unfinished. And they paid \$250 for the privilege of participating! The ladies gladly committed to the agreement.

The cathedral chose the designs, but the women could choose their honoree. As described by columnist Phyllis Brewster in a local newspaper, June Fee's Crown-and-Sunburst motif honored the family of her husband John. Margaret Matthews' Phoenix memorialized her late husband Bruce. Shirley Francis and Betty Walls both used Peacock designs that honored Spencer Francis and the late Richard Beckner, respectively. Each piece was used for one of the 42 kneelers in Resurrection Chapel, one of the cathedral's nine chapels.

The needlepoint kneelers were dedicated at an Evensong at Washington National Cathedral in October 1996, an event to which the stitchers were invited. Husbands Spencer and John joined their honoree wives in reserved seating in the Great Chapel for the impressive occasion.

So now the story of our needlepoint stitchers had come full circle—from inspiration at the National Cathedral in the nineties to the dedication there six years later. All that remained was for Shirley to tell the story from inception to completion in a handsome scrapbook. Ernie Hetherington's colorful photos of all the women and their kneelers enhance the album. Programs from all three dedication ceremonies are included. The album is kept in our church library for all to see. And now, we look forward to when we can once again kneel at our communion rails and appreciate anew the beautiful needlepoint kneelers.

*With immense gratitude to **Sandy Jelinek, Shirley Francis, and Phyllis Brewster** whose input have made this series on the history of the Needlepoint Kneelers possible.*

### 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)



### The 2021 Flower Chart



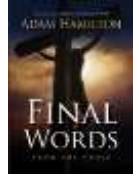
Sign up for altar flowers by calling the church office, 626-447-2181, to give flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones (or in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, special event or accomplishment). The cost of the flowers is \$45 (payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd"). Please mail the 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.

## Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle, a UMW fellowship group at Church of the Good Shepherd, welcomes the participation of any woman. During the pandemic, we are meeting by Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact Margaret Blair ([kdblair@earthlink.net](mailto:kdblair@earthlink.net)) for the Zoom invitation. Join us this Thursday, March 4.

### Special Events in the Season of Lent

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



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

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Lent



**Wednesdays:** Courtyard Devotion Time with Pastor Eva's, Soloists, and Piano . DUE TO RAIN- no in person gathering. A video will be posted on Facebook Group Page and on Church website after 4pm and available to view throughout the week.

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

**Sunday Socials:** March 7 for Sandwich Generation (invite emailed for Zoom meeting), March 14 All Church Social & wear Your Favorite Tshirt (Zoom meeting ID 879-3780-8985, no Passcode required), and March 21 Young Adult Social (invited emailed for Zoom meeting).



Plus save the date for Drive Thru Communion on March 21 (new date!) from 11:30am-1pm.

### Pastor Eva's Lenten Reflection

The Season of Lent has begun. May we seek time to draw closer to our Lord and be imitators in Christ. In the month of March I invite church members to commit to one of the following for the next 31 days: Prayer, Service, or Teaching.

Prayer- pray daily and use the lyrics from "Come Away With Me" for guidance:

*Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace, to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace. Come away with me. Come and pray with me on a gentle sea, on top of a hill in the Galilee, in gardens like Gethsemane. Come away with me. Come today with thoughts of the countless ways that God's steadfast love blesses all our days, and join with me in silent praise. Come away with me. Come and say, in words whispered from your soul, the feelings and actions you can't control. Your spirit needs to be made whole. Come away with me. Come away with me to a quiet place, to God's loving arms waiting to embrace all those who come in hope of grace. Come away with me. Come away.*

Service- commit to doing a small act of service each day. Doing these small daily acts will help service to become a habit in our lives. Then we will serve readily and with grateful hearts. Examples: Food Donation (place 1 food item in a large bag each day and donate to Foothill unity at the end of the month), Singing Outreach (call a different person each day and sing a song to brighten their day), Crafters (work on a craft project daily - example blanket or scarves- and donate the item(s) at the end of the month).

Teaching- read the Bible and reach out to someone each day to share with them what you read. For example choose one or two of the Gospels and read one chapter each day then have a conversation with a person on what that chapter tells you about Jesus. OR choose a daily devotional and discuss the reflection questions provided in the book.

Blessings,

**Pastor Eva**





## 2021 Memorial/Veteran’s Day Chancel Flowers

It is a tradition at CGS to have special 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.

## 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](#)

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