



## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 26, 2026 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Our theme for the Season of Easter (50 days) is *Superbloom*. As you can see by the artwork, superblooms are about hope. In California, it's rare because of all the conditions that need to take place. Oftentimes, superblooms come out after years of drought. For those struggling through a hard season of life, God has not abandoned you, but is for you, forever. That's the power of Easter.

**TODAY** is Good Shepherd Sunday and all the lessons speak of Jesus as the One who guides, protects, and provides. May you experience God's guidance and strength today during worship.

PRELUDE: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)

Micaela Lum,

Harrison Michael (5pm)

**GATHERING HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*** #853 vv.1-2  
**When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall, This rings my curfew call:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"**

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23) (People read/sing **bold** words.)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

#853 vv.4

**Let all of humankind, In this their concord find;**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all the earth around, Ring joyous with the sound:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Family Ministry Coordinator Maggie Grimaldi

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return at Holy Communion.)

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their

possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

PSALM 23 (video)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (Please stand.)

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

**Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one**

**who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."**

(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ANTHEM: *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need* (10am) arr. Brenda Portman  
Martha Lippi, Cello, Art & Music Minister Michelle Lum & The Sanctuary Choir

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** *Christ Our Hope in Life & Death* (Getty)

MESSAGE: *The Guardian* Pastor David R. Mattson (8:30/10am)  
*Don't Wallow in the Mud, Follow the Shepherd* Deacon Daneen Pysz (5pm)

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Harrison Michael

**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: The Doxology**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below.**  
**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request—please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

### THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

#### Lamb of God

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

#### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

#502

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.**

#### Taste and See

#493

Refrain: **Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain.)**

**Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain.)**

**Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain.)**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### THE BENEDICTION

#### SENDING HYMN: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#619 vv.1-2

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule his Church in love.**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE MUSIC: *Invention No. 1* by J.S. Bach  
Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)

Micaela Lum,

Harrison Michael (5pm)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GUESTS**, please join us for refreshments following worship and sign-in at the Welcome Table and receive a gift. We are glad you are with us today!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Krista Bartha in loving memory of Andreas Bartha.

**MAY NEWSLETTER**: Pick up a paper copy of your monthly newsletter at the Welcome Table today or, check it out on-line at [mygloriadei.org](http://mygloriadei.org).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is during Sunday services (children ages 4-5th grade). They leave after the Kid's Message & return at Communion. Questions; Children's Ministry Dir. Molly Healey - [childrensministry@mygloriadei.org](mailto:childrensministry@mygloriadei.org).

**SUPERBLOOM** - Easter artwork is now up in the Sanctuary for the season of Easter, many thanks to the Art Ministry for creating a beautiful installation!

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - PETTING ZOO** - TODAY! Please join us to visit with all the animals out by the parking lot during the morning.

**CREPE PAPER FLOWERS WORKSHOP** - Thursday, April 30, 10:30am-12:30pm. Learn how to make beautiful flowers out of crepe paper! In this workshop, you'll learn to create some realistic, life-sized flowers. Sign up at the welcome table.

**SARA GROVES CONCERT:** Saturday, May 2, 7pm, Gloria Dei. Tickets available at the Welcome Table. (\$25 suggested donation).

*"The consummate storyteller..."* Join us for a night of music with recording artist and author Sara Groves. Equal parts observer and autobiographer, Sara has spent her career baring her soul through transparent, thoughtful songwriting. She has released 10 albums, nominated for three Dove Awards, including New Artist of the Year and the album, *Add to the Beauty*, was named Album of the Year by *CCM Magazine*. ([saragroves.com](http://saragroves.com))

**WALK THE LABYRINTH** - Saturday, May 9, from 8am-5pm. Sign-up.

**SENIOR HIGH GROUP** - May 10, after both services - Muffins for Mom. Sr. High Servers provide muffins for the masses. Donations go to the summer trip.

**ART GATHERING** - May 13, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Join the art ministry as we celebrate the culmination of our working artist projects. All are welcome to come.

**SERRA'S PANTRY** - May 16, 8:30 a.m. Youth Director Paige is going with Senior High kids and all are welcome to join in.

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING GAME NIGHT** (20/30 somethings) - May 23, 6pm-10pm at Kelsey Engel's House - call or email church office for info.

**CHURCH CAMP-OUT** - Join us at O'Neill Park for our annual camping trip June 12-14, 2026. RV's and tents are welcome. Come for the day or come for the weekend. See the Welcome Table for details and to sign-up.

**MEMBERSHIP?** If you are interested in officially saying "yes" to Gloria Dei's ministry. See the sign-up for details. Welcome to the "family!"

**THANK YOU** for supporting Gloria Dei! Place check/money in donation boxes or give via Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/debit card through Vanco: [mygloriadei.org/donate](http://mygloriadei.org/donate) or go to QR code to right.



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Every Wednesday, 10am, Knudson Hall (next to the kitchen). Pastor David or Deacon Daneen lead this study. All women are invited to join.

#### **THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Dave Ross; Communion: Zac Welin & Kathy Martino; Lector: Ren Higgins; Ushers: John Adams & Craig Collins; Welcome Table: Richard Carlson **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Lisa Mers Communion: Colleen McCray & Melody Lieber; Lector:Kathi Anderson; Ushers: Dean Frasche & Lisa Mers; Welcome Table: Gini Sherwood **5pm:** Donna Sandidge

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR - APRIL 26- MAY 2, 2026**

**Today:** Good Shepherd Sunday; Worship & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am & 5pm) **Monday:** South Coast Literacy (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed (7pm) **Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); GIFT (10am); Staff Meeting (11am); Heartlifters (6:30pm); Al Anon (7pm) **Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); Mission Hospital AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm) **Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Workshop: Crepe Paper Flowers (10:30 am); Seniors & Friends AA (1pm); Al Anon (5:30pm); Handbell Choir (6pm); Kerygma Bible Study (6:15pm); AA Meeting (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:15) **Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Sarah Groves Set-up (12pm); Laundry Love (2pm); 12 Step Men's Meeting (6:30); **Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Prayer Shawl Meeting (9am); ACA Group (11:30am); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm); Sarah Groves Concert (7pm)

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5pm Worship Leader Harrison Michael

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** ❖ Mother's Day - "Daisy a Day" (May 10, 2026) ❖ Confirmation Sunday (May 24, 2026) ❖ Baccalaureate Sunday (May 31) ❖ Genealogy Class (May 31) ❖ Vacation Bible School (July 6-10, 2026) ❖ Western States Youth Gathering - High School (June 28-July 1)

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