

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

June 15, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Faithfulness

In the New Testament, the Greek word pistis often refers to “trust” or “faith,” and it can also mean “faithfulness.”

For biblical authors, faith and faithfulness are two sides of the same coin, capturing ideas like fidelity, reliability, trustworthiness, and allegiance.

Having faith does not mean simply believing in or agreeing with statements about God. Faith is active, and it requires dependence on God, a sense of trust so deep that one chooses to walk in God’s ways. The fruits of the Spirit describe God’s own character, and biblical authors consistently portray God as faithful, dependable, and trustworthy. God is never depicted in the Bible as random, chaotic, or motivated by changing passions. So, when we receive God’s Spirit and learn to depend on his way of life above our own fluctuating passions, we also become more trustworthy and faithful. When Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane before he is put to death, he expresses his good human will to avoid suffering and death. Jesus pleads: “take this cup from me,” which is his way of asking to be relieved of the painful responsibility he faces. And yet, his choice to remain faithful is greater than his desire to survive, so he concludes his plea with a commitment: “not my will, but yours be done.” Jesus chooses to do God’s will, whatever the cost, and this might be the clearest picture of faithfulness in the Bible. When we choose to walk the same path as Jesus by submitting our own will to God’s will through the power of the Spirit, we cultivate the spiritual fruit of faithfulness too. As God has been faithful to us, we respond with faithful commitment to God and to others.

Adapted from The Bible Project Scholarship Team

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* (Doerksen)

**Call to Worship* (Adapted from Ministry Matters)

Leader: *God said, "I will be your God."*

People: *God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.*

Leader: *God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."*

People: *God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.*

Leader: *God said, "I will forgive you."*

People: *God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.*

Leader: *God said, "My kingdom is near."*

ALL: *God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful. Let us worship God!*

**Hymn of Praise* *Gather Us In* #284

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Adapted from Ministry Matters)

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful. Show us your ways and teach us your paths. We wait for you. Lead us in your paths of truth. Do not remember our failures. Out of your merciful grace, forgive us. You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast. We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always....

Silent Confession

Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* # 306
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace, Amen.

**Please stand as you are able*

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response** *Gloria Patri* # 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Call to Offering

Offertory *Every Day Is a Gift from the Lord* (Besig)

***Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 46

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture *Proverbs 3:3-4*

³Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.⁴ Then you will find favor and high regard in the sight of God and of people.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Altar of Grace* (arr.Mauldin)

Sermon *"Faithfulness"*

Time of Reflection

***Closing Hymn** *We Call Ourselves Disciples* #357

***Charge and Benediction**

****Closing Response*** *Amen*

(arr. Walker)

****Postlude***

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: Sing to God with Heart and Voice (Williams), Great is Thy Faithfulness (#86), That's a Hallelujah (arr. Hamby),

Time of Reflection: God Will Make a Way (Moen)

Postlude: All My Hope on God Is Founded (#88)

Quartet: Matthew Dodaro, Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Diane Spang

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Diane Spang, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Tom Mulleady

Tellers: Tom Spaeth and Judy Sevier

Ushers: Denny & Terri Meyers

ABOUT MATTHEW DODARO

"Matthew is very excited to join Sunday worship with you all and sing with his friends! He is a singer and actor around Scottsdale where his family lives, in the Phoenix area and also out east in New York where he is finishing his bachelors degree in musical theatre at Syracuse University!! Go Orange!! He especially is grateful for his fellow theatre friend Debby Rosenthal for this connection as well as her support on his journey."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by our badge table for a welcome gift. Visit our website www.verdefaith.org for additional information. **Please complete the Fellowship Pad** at the end of each pew; pass it along, and back. **Fellowship is held following worship** in Founders Hall.

Attendance at last Sunday's service was 70; 231 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Judy Sevier: In memory and gratitude for her husband Dick.

Stephen Ministers are trained, ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help through a crisis or difficult time. Contact one of our Leaders, Donna Angiolillo, Glenda Hage, Debbie Etcheson, John Pasnau, Dan or Judy Villanueva.

In need of prayers for you, your family, or friends? Contact Joan Brunner at 480-471-7274, or Pastor Cathy with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00 am in the library.

PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the library. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.
Meetings have concluded for the season.

SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

Pastor Cathy holds monthly book discussions on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the library. **Jun. 25:** Heart of a Soldier; **Jul. 9:** Whither Thou Goest; **Aug. 13:** The Women.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are need for summer for hosting Fellowship, Tellers, Lectors, Ushers, etc. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in Founders Hall or contact Tami Burke, Office Manager, in person, by phone 480-471-7239 or email officemanager@verdefaith.org if you are available.






This plaque, which hangs in the church library, was presented to the Mission Committee as a gift from NPH (Our Little Brothers & Sisters) in gratitude for years of support from Community Church of the Verdes. It was hand-crafted by special needs children served by NPH.

Since 1954, NPH has supported orphaned and abandoned children in Latin America and the Caribbean providing shelter, food, clothing, healthcare and education in a Christian family environment.



Mission Drives: The Mission Committee is grateful to everyone who donated to our Monthly Mission Drives for various charities during the season. We will continue to collect food for the Extended Hands Food Bank and FHCMA Food Closet throughout the summer.

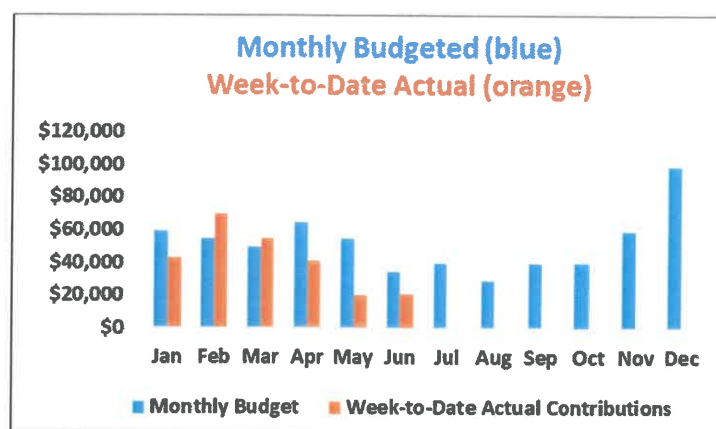
MISSIONS

-  **Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.
-  **FHCMA Food Closet:** toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.
-  **Extended Hands Food Bank:** non-perishable food items.
-  **Pad Project Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*
-  **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through June 8 were
\$252,586

YTD Budgeted contributions
through June 8 were
\$302,500



Thank you for your continuing support!

Please consider these other funds open to special giving in your estate planning...

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$330,998

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to expand and enrich the mission of the congregation, to initiate new ministries or significantly change the scope of existing ministries. No more than 5% of the three year average fund assets may be distributed in any one year.

Memorial Garden Fund – current balance \$448,000

The purpose of the Memorial Garden Fund is to provide for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Established in 1990, the Memorial Garden provides a resting place for the interment of the ashes of loved ones. It is open to current and former members and residents of Rio and Tonto Verde.

Scholarship Fund – current balance \$10,142

The Scholarship Fund promotes scholarships among young people involved in institutions we support through Mission giving. Recipients are chosen from applicants who are demonstrating academic excellence, commitment, and service in or to one of the following non-profit institutions or community: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), NPH (formerly Friends of the Orphans), Sunshine Acres. The Scholarship Fund's sole support is contributions from our members. Donors cannot be related to recipients.

Did you know?... If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift from your IRA to support the church. It will not add to your federal taxable income; It counts toward your required minimum distribution, and allows you to experience a tax benefit, even if you do not itemize deductions. You should discuss any such gifts, before making them, with your financial advisor.

The church is very appreciative of gifts from trusts, foundations, and stocks. Occasionally, these gifts are received with no indication of who the donor is. So that we may properly recognize and record the gift, we ask that you either notify the church office or have your financial representative document the donor {and intent} when it is sent to us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 16

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, June 17

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, June 18

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, June 19

No activities scheduled

Friday, June 20

No activities scheduled

Saturday, June 21

No activities scheduled

Sunday, June 22

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

HAPPY
Father's
Day

A stylized graphic for Father's Day. The word "HAPPY" is in a small, dark blue, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, "Father's" and "Day" are written in a large, dark blue, cursive script. The text is decorated with several blue hearts of different sizes and patterns (some solid, some striped) and three dark blue bow ties. A striped tie is also visible on the left side of the word "Day". The entire graphic is set against a white background with small dark blue dots scattered around the text.

Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B \flat Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B \flat Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN
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A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

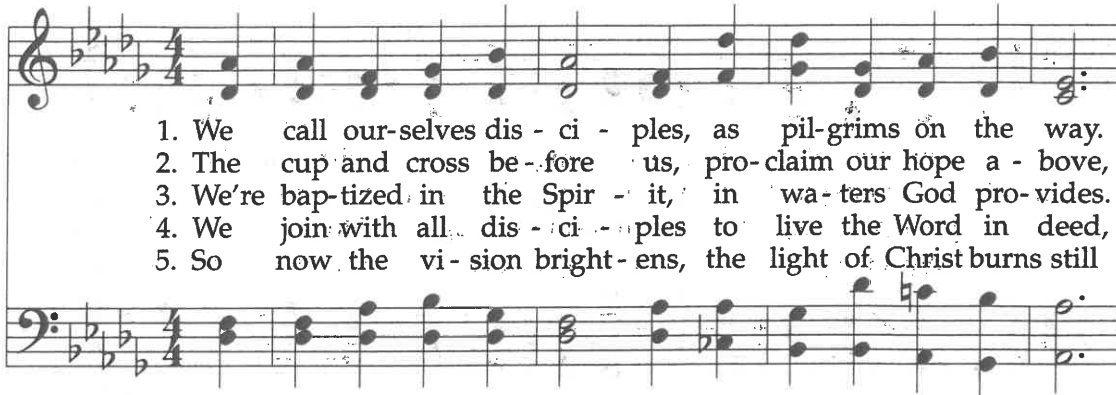
D/F# G A D A C G

spir - its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

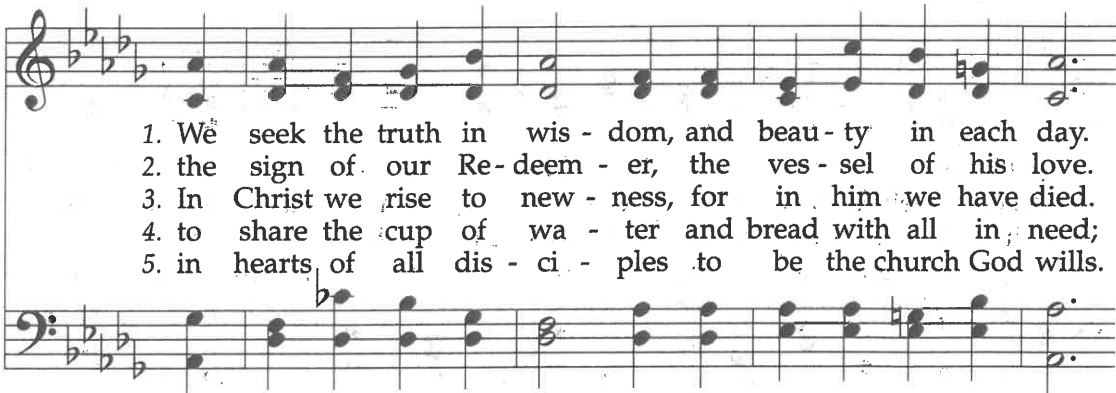
Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

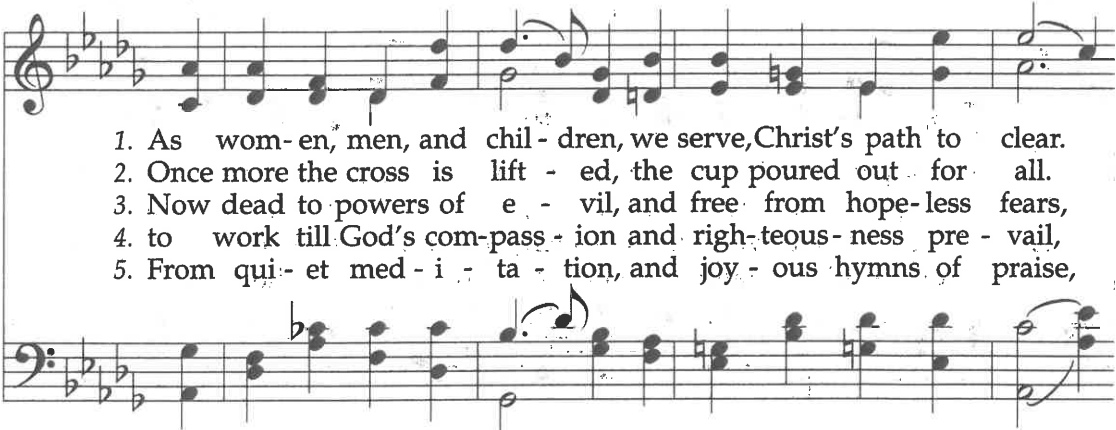
We Call Ourselves Disciples



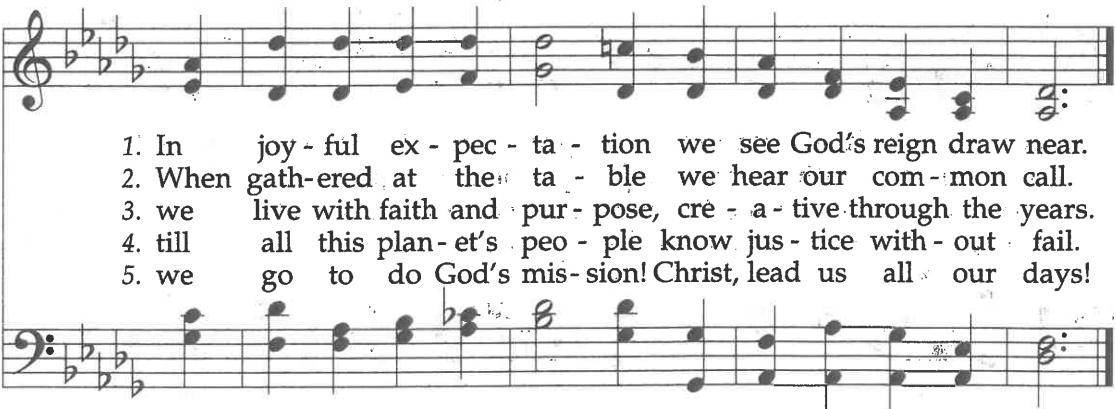
1. We call our-selves dis - ci - ples, as pil-grims on the way.
2. The cup and cross be-fore us, pro-claim our hope a - bove,
3. We're bap-tized in the Spir - it, in wa-ters God pro-vides.
4. We join with all dis - ci - ples to live the Word in deed,
5. So now the vi - sion bright - ens, the light of Christ burns still



1. We seek the truth in wis - dom, and beau - ty in each day.
2. the sign of our Re - deem - er, the ves - sel of his love.
3. In Christ we rise to new - ness, for in him we have died.
4. to share the cup of wa - ter and bread with all in need;
5. in hearts of all dis - ci - ples to be the church God wills.



1. As wom-en, men, and chil - dren, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
2. Once more the cross is lift - ed, the cup poured out for all.
3. Now dead to powers of e - vil, and free from hope-less fears,
4. to work till God's com-pass - ion and righ-teous-ness pre - vail,
5. From qui - et med - i - ta - tion, and joy - ous hymns of praise,



1. In joy - ful ex - pec - ta - tion we see God's reign draw near.
2. When gath-ered at the ta - ble we hear our com-mon call.
3. we live with faith and pur - pose, cre - a - tive through the years.
4. till all this plan-et's peo - ple know jus - tice with - out fail.
5. we go to do God's mis-sion! Christ, lead us all our days!

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1984
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1836

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Vision Statement

***To be a Christ centered church that inspires individuals to grow closer to God
and to serve others with loving and compassionate hearts.***

Faith Statement ~ The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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