

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

June 1, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

*Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits.*

~19th century rhyme used in primary schools

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Spirit of Comfort

(Nolan)

**Call to Worship*

(Adapted from Laura Martin)

Leader: God has told you, O Mortal, what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

People: It is good to be together, God,

Leader: Together listening to your voice, united by your Spirit.

People: In this time of worship,

Leader: Tell us about your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it.

People: Show us your justice.

ALL: We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily. We worship you!

**Hymn of Praise*

God is Here!

#280

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from Joyful Moments in Christ)

Dear Heavenly Father, You are a God of endless kindness and compassion. Your word tells us that your kindness leads us to repentance, and your love is expressed through your care and provision for us each day. You show kindness in both the smallest details and the greatest gifts, including the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. We confess that we often fail to show kindness in our words, actions, and thoughts. We can be quick to judge, slow to help, or indifferent when others need encouragement or support. Please forgive us for the times we have missed opportunities to reflect your kindness to those around us. Thank you for the kindness you have shown to us, even when we have not deserved it. Thank you for the people in our lives who have modeled your kindness through their love and support. Help us to be like them! Lord, we ask you to cultivate the fruit of kindness in us. Teach us to see others through your eyes and to respond to their needs with compassion and grace. Let our words be uplifting and our actions reflect your

**Please stand as you are able*

love. Help us to be a light in a world that often feels cold and unkind. We want to point others to your goodness through the kindness we show! Please help our lives bring honor to you as we strive to follow your example...

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.

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 *All Are Welcome at the Table* (McDonald)

**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 *Ephesians 4:25-32*

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give

grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem *Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend* (Choplin)

Sermon *"Kindness"*

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: ***And also with you.***

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Leader: *God of great and steadfast love, we thank and praise you...Joining all the company of heaven, singing your unending hymn of glory.*

People: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Leader: *Ever present God...Great is the mystery of faith.*

People: ***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Leader: *Triune God... now and forever.*

ALL: ***Amen.***

Words of Institution

Intinction

Prayer After Communion (Adapted from the Archdiocese of Minneapolis & St Paul)
From the depths of my heart, I thank You, dear Lord, for Your infinite kindness in coming to me. How good You are to me! I praise Your mercy and generosity toward me, a poor sinner. I thank You for nourishing my soul with this meal. I will try to show my gratitude to You in love, by obedience to Your holy commandments, by fidelity to my duties, by kindness to my neighbor and by an earnest endeavor to become like You in my daily conduct. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

****Closing Hymn*** *God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #439

****Charge and Benediction***

****Closing Response*** *Peace Go with You* (Nolan)

****Postlude***

Music for today's worship includes:

Vocalists: Debby Wojtas and Jeffrey Stevens

Prelude: All Are Welcome (Haugen), Lead, Kindly Light (arr. Wood), Sing Unto the Lord with I Will Sing of the Mercies (arr. Hayes)

Communion: Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus (arr. Wood), He Is Lord (arr. Christopher), Fill My Cup Lord (Blanchard)

Postlude: The Love of God (Lehman)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Stewards: Linda Smiley and Bob Dietsche

Communion Table: Diane Spang

Fellowship: Jennifer Ristau and Sharon Severson

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

Lector: Nancy Sheppard

Tellers: Bill Hoffman and Kathie Sankey

Ushers: Denny and Terri Meyers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! 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 **110**; **217** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Wendy Patry: In loving memory of Bill Patry and her brother Scott.

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.

SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

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



MISSIONS

Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center: 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: meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

May Mission Drive:

We would like to invite anyone that would like to help fill backpacks with all of the wonderful items that were donated. If you would like to help, please join us on Tuesday June 10th at 2:00pm in Founders Hall.

Thank you for your generous contributions to this drive!

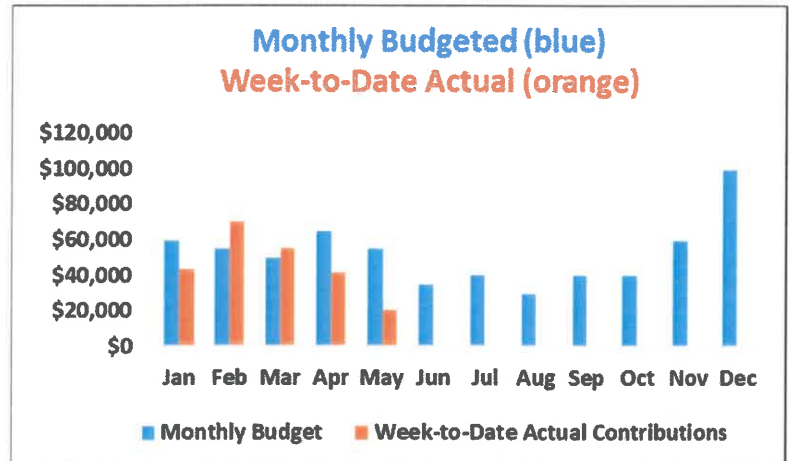


**Christian
Family Care**

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through May 25 were
\$231,436

YTD Budgeted contributions
through May 25 were
\$285,000



Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$330,768

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 \$436,756

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 \$10,143

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 may not 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 2

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, June 3

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, June 4

No activities scheduled

Thursday, June 5

No activities scheduled

Friday, June 6

No activities scheduled

Saturday, June 7

No activities scheduled

Sunday, June 8

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)



1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

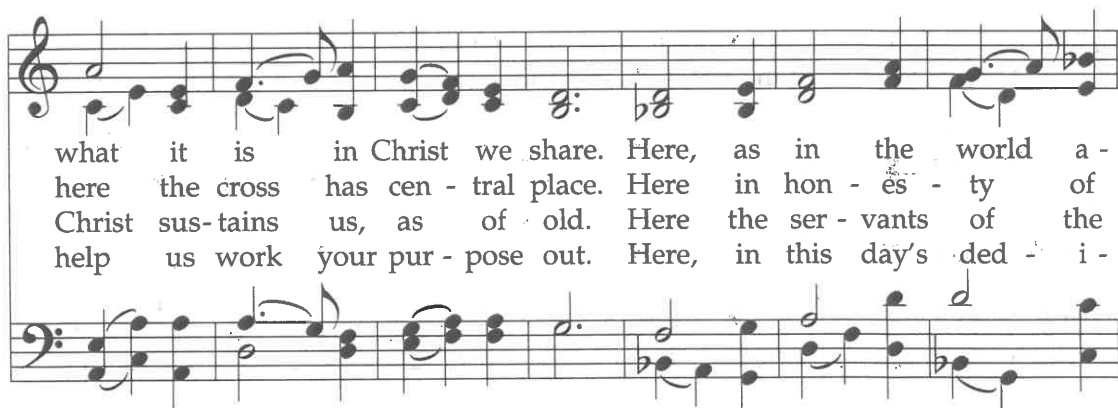
praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
 need of grace; here are ta-ble, fount, and pul-pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
 change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

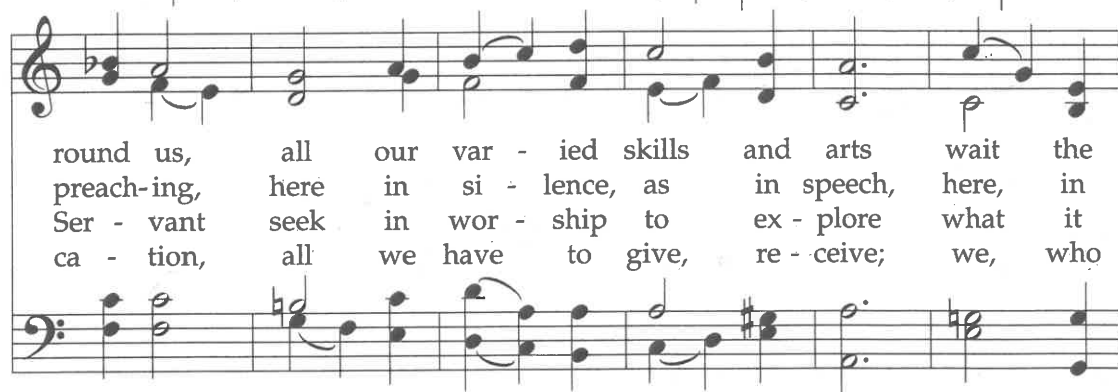
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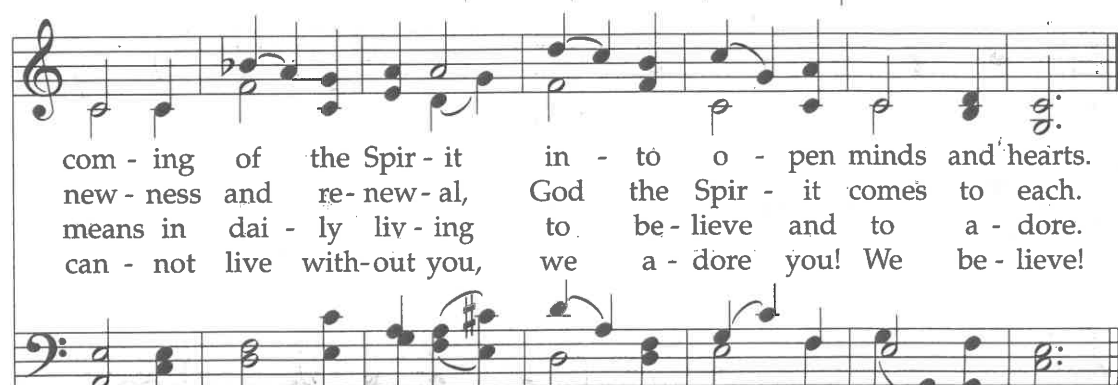
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what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

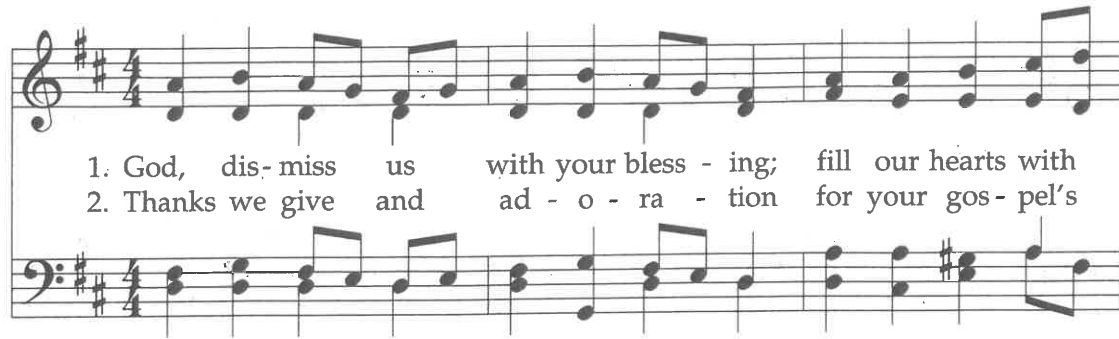


round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

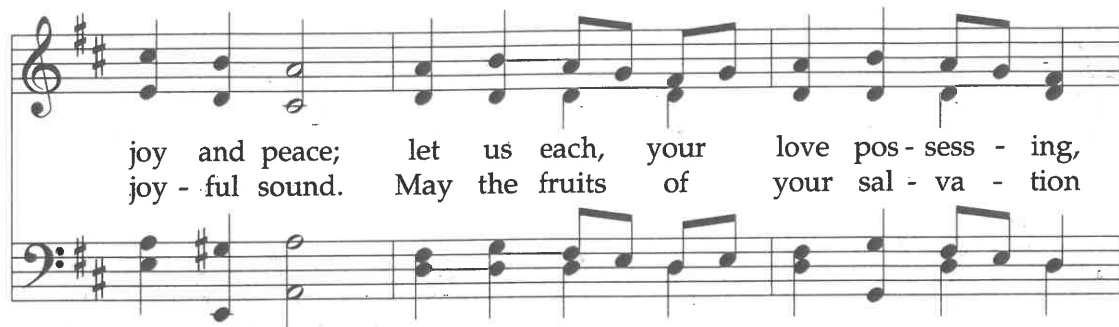


com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

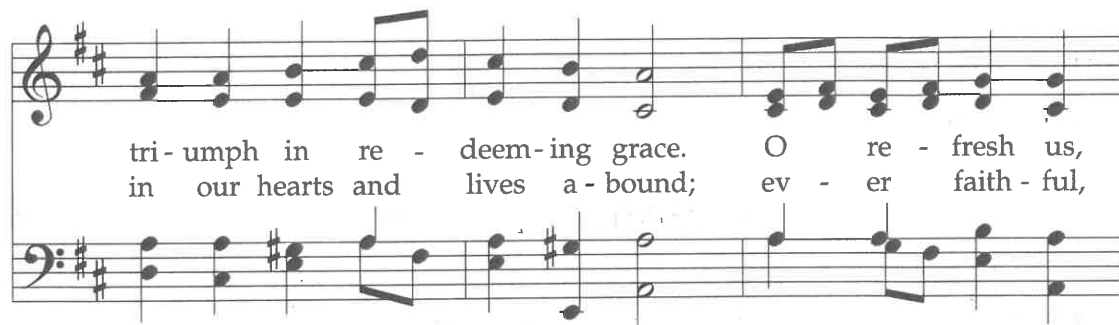
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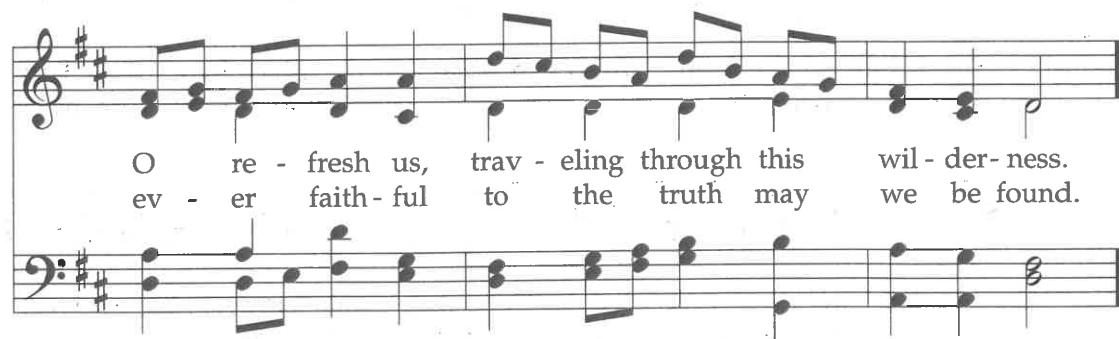
1. God, dis- miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.

MUSIC: *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792; harm. *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*, 1889, alt.

SICILIAN MARINERS

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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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Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton***

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