

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

May 25, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

“Patience in waiting for God to come into your life, into your world...arises also from a conviction deep within us that it is better to wait on God than to force God to be the one whom we demand. Because if we did that, then the God who came to us would be no more than some idolatrous projection of all our selfish desires, and what good would that kind of God do us?”

Will Willimon

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Spirit Song

#352

**Call to Worship*

(Adapted from Joan Stott)

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

People: ***Because of God's everlasting goodness, we offer God our thanks and praise.***

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

People: ***Because of God's care and concern for humanity, we offer God our thanks and praise.***

Leader: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

People: ***Because of God's transforming powers and actions, we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—and we offer God our thanks and praise.***

ALL: ***Let us worship God!***

**Hymn of Praise*

Spirit

#249

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Adapted from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church)

O my dearest Lord Jesus Christ, you know my poor soul and my great transgressions, and I cry out to you alone with an open heart. I am sorry that I do not have will or intentions as I should and I fall behind daily, for I am a poor, sick sinner. You know that I want to have good will and good intentions, but my sinful flesh strikes and leads me captive. Redeem me, a poor sinner, according to your divine will. Deliver me from all evil and all afflictions. Strengthen and increase in me true Christian faith. Give me grace to faithfully love my neighbor as myself with all my heart, and to love him or her as a brother or sister. Give me patience and perseverance in all persecution and trouble....

*Please stand as you are able

Silent Confession

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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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 My Trials

(arr. Fettke)

**Doxology*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Psalm 37:1-7

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ² for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security. ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Come Unto Me and Wait* (Hayes)

Sermon *"Patience"*

Time of Reflection

***Closing Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #18

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response** *Go in the Grace of the Lord* (Barnard)

***Postlude**

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: The Gift to Be Simple (arr. Wood), How Firm a Foundation *with* Firm Foundation (arr. Tornquist),
Going Home (McDonald)

Time of Reflection: Sweet Hour of Prayer! (Bradbury)

Postlude: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#560)

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Rockee Coalson

Fellowship: Charla Smith and Tom Reinarts

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

Lector: Carol Wallman

Tellers: Nancy Sheppard and Linda Paulos

Ushers: Nancy Sheppard and Jennifer McRae



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: meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

May Mission Drive:

*The May Mission Drive is for **Christian Family Care**, a Phoenix charity, whose mission is to strengthen families and serve at-risk children. We are collecting supplies for Kindergarten backpacks: 24-pack Crayons, Washable Markers, No 2 Pencils, Blunt Tip Scissors, Eraser, Glue Sticks and Bottles, Folders, Spiral Notebooks. Our goal is to fill 25 backpacks. Items can be left in the box inside the church office door or the blue bucket in the Narthex.*

Thank you for your generous contributions to this drive!



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 96; 148 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Diane Spang: In celebration of her 59th anniversary.



If anyone is interested in donating flowers over the summer, we have several dates available. Please contact the office for open dates.

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 the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the library. **Jun. 11:** Heart of a Soldier; **Jul. 9:** Whither Thou Goest; **Aug. 13:** The Women.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETINGS

Bible Study with Pastor Cathy, Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Continues in Founders Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Summer for Sunday service for Tellers, Fellowship, Lectors, Ushers, etc. If you are able to do any of these important tasks 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.

**New Summer Hours:**

The office has started its summer hours. The new hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00am—3:00pm and Fridays 9:00am—12:30pm.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 26

Office is closed for Memorial Day

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

10:00am Call Committee (Boardroom)

Tuesday, May 27

1:45pm Stephen Leaders (Stephen Ministry)

2:30pm Stephen Ministers (Library)

Wednesday, May 28

9:00am Bible Study (Founders Hall)

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 29

No activities scheduled

Friday, May 30

No activities scheduled

Saturday, May 31

No activities scheduled

Sunday, June 1

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

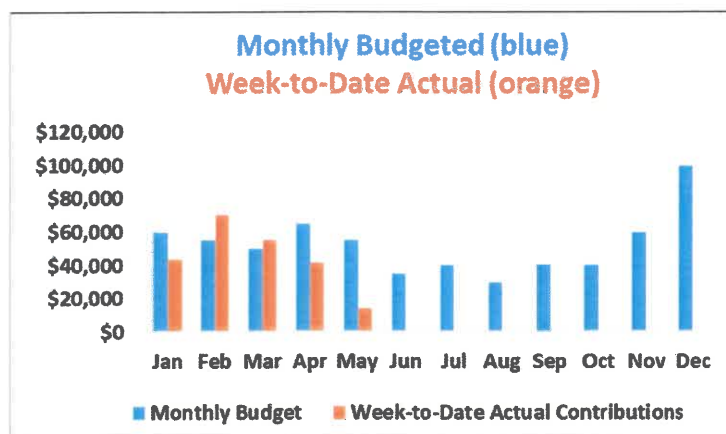
9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through May 18 were
\$224,826

YTD Budgeted contributions
through May 18 were
\$271,250



Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$330,998.49

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 \$433,258.48

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 \$10,142.74

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.

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MEMORIAL DAY

**A day that is set aside to
remember with gratitude
and pride all those who
served and died for our
Country and our Freedom.
May your day be filled with
memories and peace.**

God Bless America
Dawnings

Spirit

Unison

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness,

E A D G A D

call - ing and free, Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

Bm G A D G D *Fine*

stir me 'from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1. You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2. You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3. You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4. You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1975

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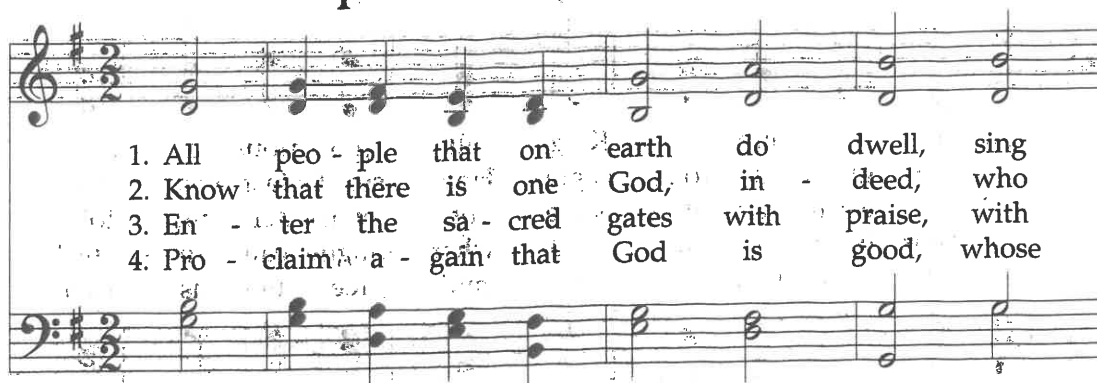
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 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
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val - leys of sleep, and o - ver the e - ons you
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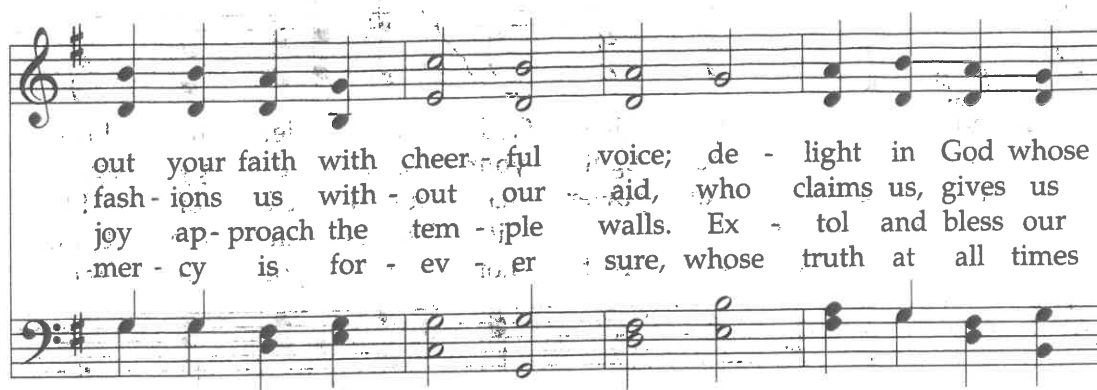
called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum
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 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise

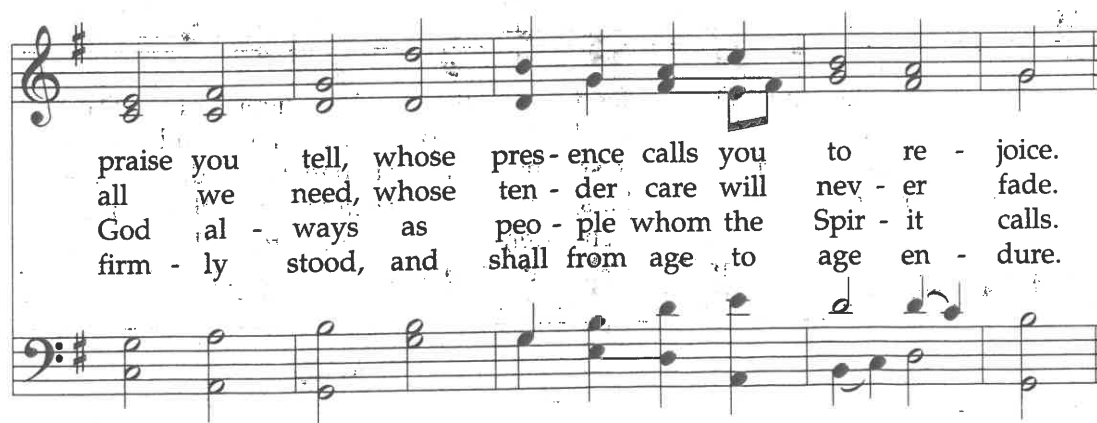
18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. Know that there is one God, in - deed, who
 3. En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with
 4. Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose



out your faith with cheer - ful voice; de - light in God whose
 fash - ions us with - out our aid, who claims us, gives us
 joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our
 mer - cy is for - ev - er er sure, whose truth at all times



praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - joice.
 all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.
 God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

WORDS: William Kethe, 1561, alt.
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
 LM

Alt. tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (altered rhythm)



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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***A/V Operator: Skyler Evans
Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton***

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