

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*June 22, 2025*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.*

*Saint Francis de Sales*

# Order of Worship

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome & Announcements*

### *Introit*

*A Gentle Alleluia*

*(Sorenson)*

### *\*Call to Worship*

*(Adapted from Discipleship Ministries)*

*Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!*

*People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.*

*Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

*People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.*

*Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.*

*All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!*

### *\*Hymn of Praise*

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

*#450*

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession*

*(Adapted from Shannon Vance)*

*Compassionate and Gentle God, you have created us in love to be your people. As we gather for worship, we are reminded that we have lost sight of this gift and forgotten how to really love you. We have worshipped other gods, put our faith in the riches of this world, and impressed ourselves with misguided power. We have looked for help in the wrong places and ignored the extravagances you lay before us. Send your Spirit to come and breathe its life-sustaining and life-altering presence into us in these moments of worship. Send your Spirit of renewal and transformation. Send your Spirit that up-ends our lives and sets us on a new path....*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## *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**                      *In the Morning, Joy*                      (Hayes)

**\*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**                      *Philippians 4:5*  
*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*

**Leader:**                      *The Word of the Lord.*

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

**Anthem**                      *Blessings*                      (Story)

*Sermon*

*“Gentleness”*

*Time of Reflection*

*\*Closing Hymn*

*Here I Am, Lord*

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*\*Charge and Benediction*

*\*Closing Response*

*Tender Shepherd, Gentle Lamb*

*(Nolan)*

*\*Postlude*

*Music for today's worship includes:*

**Prelude:** Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (arr. Swann), Children of the Heavenly Father (arr. Wood), We Bow Down (Paris)

**Time of Reflection:** Fairest Lord Jesus (arr. Tonioli)

**Postlude:** God Be with You (#435)

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

*Volunteers assisting with worship today:*

**Communion Table:** Diane Spang

**Fellowship:** Rhonda Brenner and Elaine Betsch

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

**Lector:** Gloria Johnson

**Tellers:** Jan Stegmann and Judy Dorwart

**Ushers:** Denny & Terri Meyers

## 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](http://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 75; 196 joined online.

**Today's flowers were donated by: Dan Larson: In memory of and gratitude for Norm and Dorothy Larson.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

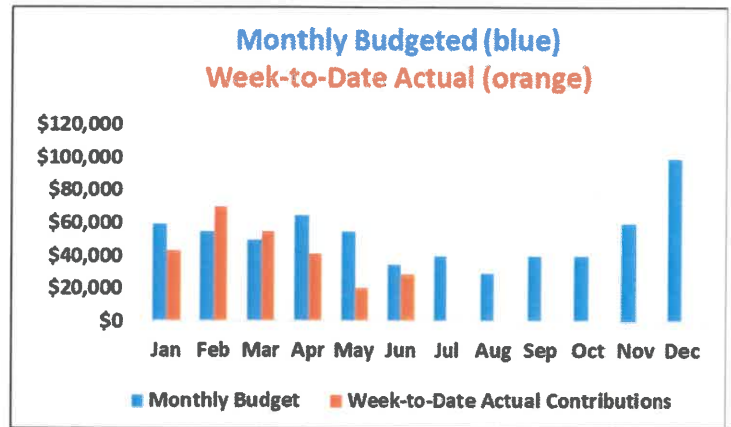
-  **Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.
-  **FHCMA Food Closet:** toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.
-  **Extended Hands Food Bank:** non-perishable food items.
-  **Pad Project Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*
-  **Prayer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



# OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions  
through June 15 were  
\$260,376

YTD Budgeted contributions  
through June 15 were  
\$311,250



**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**

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 23**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

## **Tuesday, June 24**

No activities scheduled

## **Wednesday, June 25**

10:30am Spiritual Themes in Literature

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

## **Thursday, June 26**

No activities scheduled

## **Friday, June 27**

No activities scheduled

## **Saturday, June 28**

No activities scheduled

## **Sunday, June 29**

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

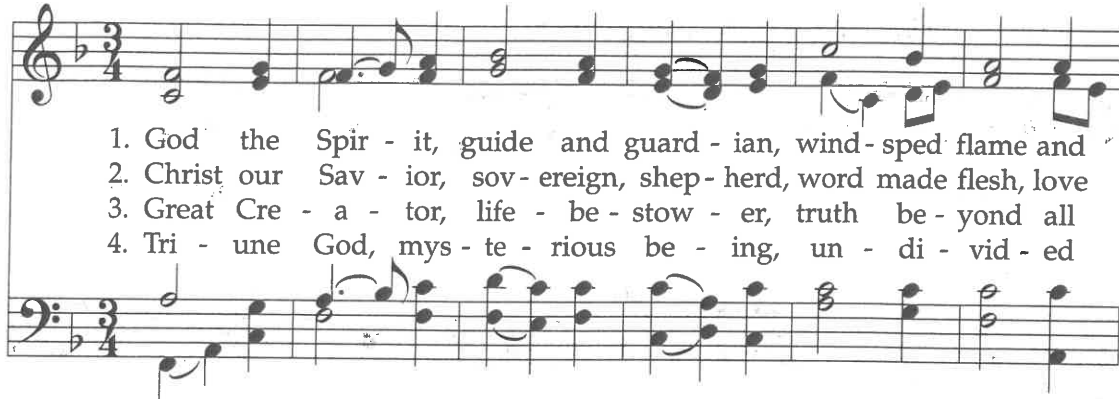
10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

# VOLUNTEER FOR FELLOWSHIP THIS SUMMER!

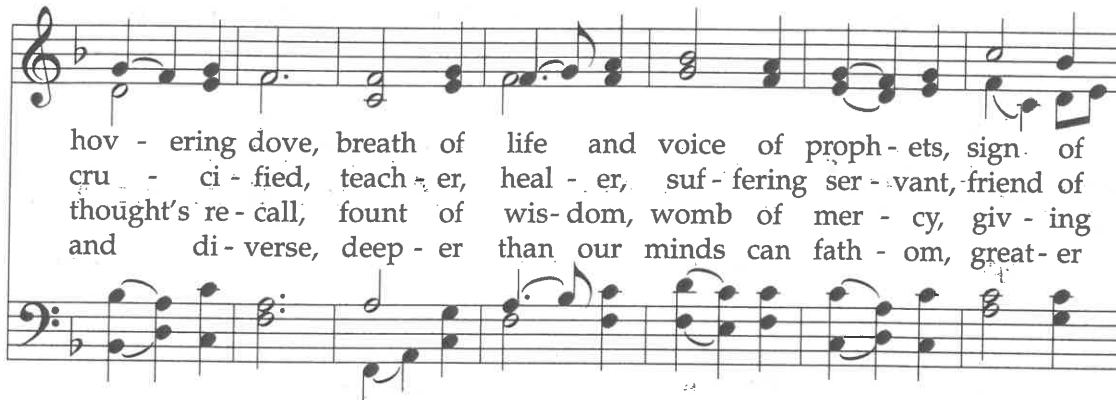
*Lots of dates available to volunteer for Fellowship in June, July and August. Contact Tami Burke, Office Manager by phone 480-471-7239, email [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org) or stop into the office to sign up.*



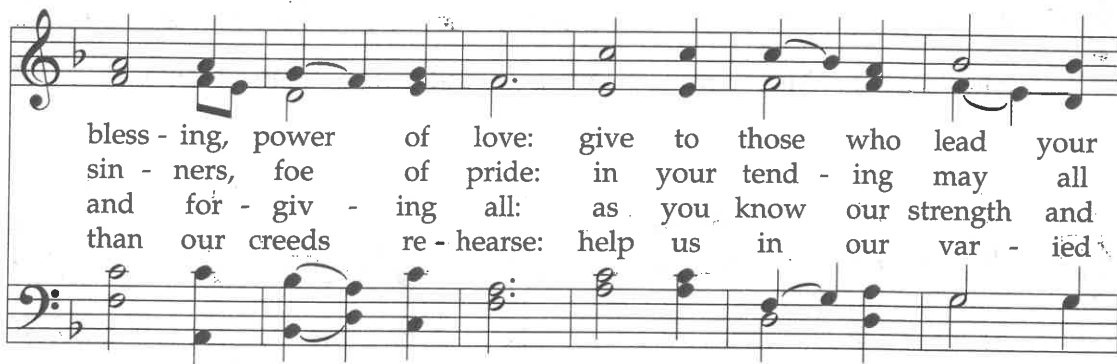
# 450 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian



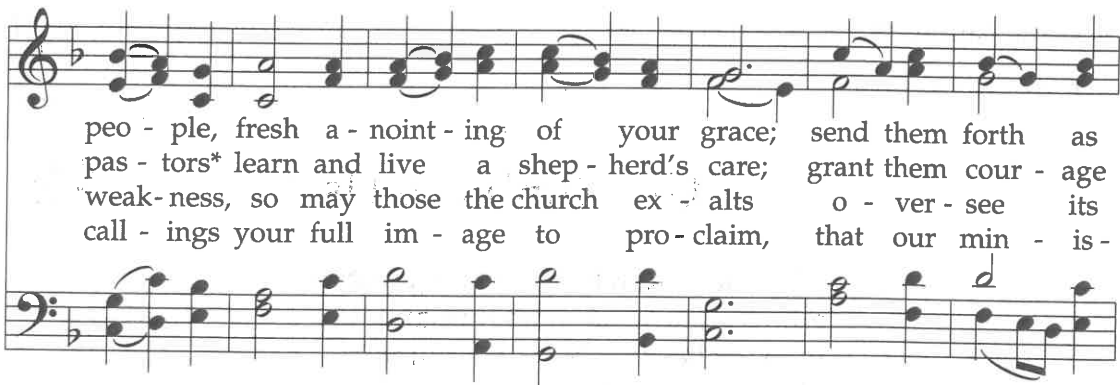
1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and  
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, word made flesh, love  
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all  
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed



hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of  
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant, friend of  
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing  
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er



bles - ing, power of love: give to those who lead your  
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all  
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and  
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied



peo - ple, fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as  
 pas - tors\* learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age  
 weak - ness, so may those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its  
 call - ings your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

\*When appropriate, ministers, leaders, elders, teachers, or deacons may be substituted for pastors.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987, alt.

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
life stead - fast ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

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## Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

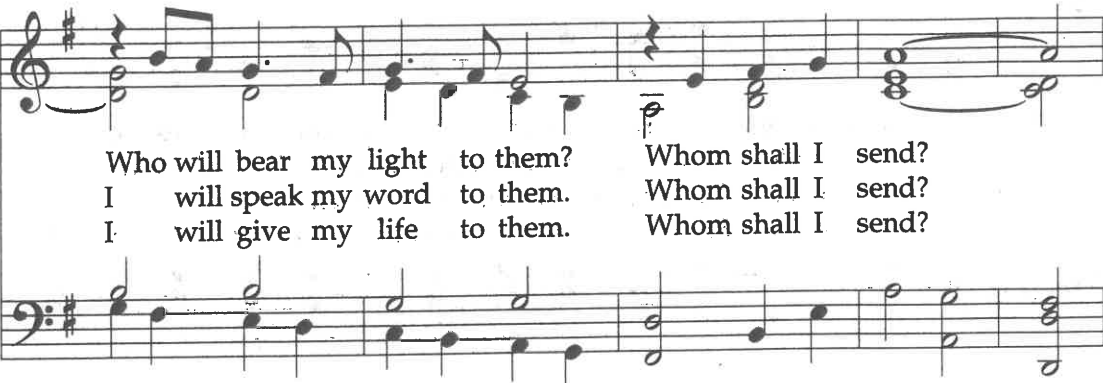
All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

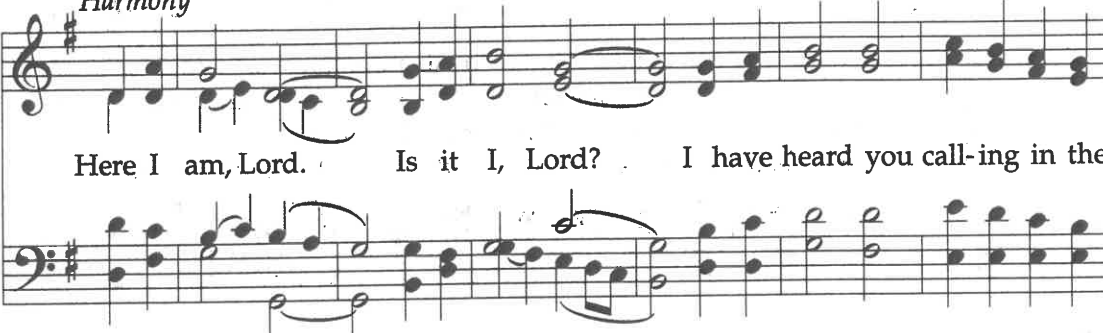
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. James Snyder, 1994

HERE I AM, LORD  
77.74 w. refrain



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Harmony*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the



night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will



hold your peo-ple in my heart. heart.  
 heart, in my heart.  
 heart, in my heart.



### ***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.*

### ***Community Church of the Verdes***

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***Friday 9:00am—12:30pm***

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***Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathy Northrup***

***Pastor's cell: (480) 322-0183***

***Pastor's email: [pastor@verdefaith.org](mailto:pastor@verdefaith.org)***

***Director of Music: Tom Wojtas***

***A/V Operator: Skyler Evans***

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

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