

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

July 6, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

5-year old Johnny was in the kitchen as his mother made supper. She asked him to go into the pantry and get her a can of tomato soup, but he didn't want to go in alone.

"It's dark in there and I'm scared." She asked again, and he persisted. Finally she said, "It's OK--Jesus will be in there with you."

Johnny walked hesitantly to the door and slowly opened it. He peeked inside, saw it was dark, and started to leave when all at once an idea came, and he said: "Jesus, if you're in there, would you hand me that can of tomato soup?"

Larry Petton

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Spirit of Comfort

(Nolan)

**Call to Worship*

(Adapted Joan Stott)

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate the God who is present amongst us.

*People: **The Lord our God is our strength and song, and is even now our salvation.***

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with all the world, that the Lord is God.

*People: **With joy we gather around God's fountain of grace to be refreshed and renewed.***

Leader: We come to share together to celebrate with songs of praise and joy for the Lord our God's eternal presence is forever amongst and with us.

*People: **We sing with joy:***

*ALL: **Thank the Lord, our Mighty God! Let us praise God's holy name.***

**Hymn of Praise*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from re: Worship)

Almighty God, you are our salvation. In you alone can we trust and not be afraid. Lord, you were angry because of our sin and rebellion and you have redeemed for yourself a people, a remnant, from every tribe, tongue and nation. You are to be praised! Lord we confess that you are our strength and our song. Without you we could do nothing. Without you our souls would be empty and in despair. Lord, grant your Spirit to come this morning and remind us of the joy of our salvation. Turn us in faith to thanksgiving and proclamation of the glorious works

**Please stand as you are able*

you have done. Help us sing for joy for you have promised us that you will be in our midst as we have gathered here this morning to hear from you. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Savior and Sovereign King, Jesus Christ...

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 *The Lord Is My Light* (Courtney)

****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

Isaiah 12

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon

his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ *“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all earth.* ⁶ *Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Father of Light (Courtney)

Sermon “Be Not Afraid”

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: Exalted is your name...as we join the unending hymn.

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: God of the harvest...Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Leader: Glorious God...all-holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Words of Institution

Intinction

Prayer After Communion

(Adapted from Hold Fast to What is Good)

Almighty God, we thank you once again for this meal, this day. Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope to all who despair and fear, that all may have life, and life abundant. Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

****Closing Hymn***

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****Charge and Benediction***

****Closing Response***

Fourfold Amen

****Postlude***

Music for today's worship includes:

Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton and Jeffrey Stevens

Prelude: How Great Thou Art (Hine), God Will Take Care of You (arr. Whitworth), Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (arr. Berry)

Communion: Bless the Lord, My Soul (J.S. Bach), My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (arr. Wood), Come, Share the Lord (Leech)

Postlude: Since Jesus Came into My Heart (Gabriel)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Stewards: Cary Pasnau and John Pasnau

Communion Table: Pat Strachan

Fellowship: Pat Strachan and Elaine Betsch

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

Lector: Curt Hage

Tellers: Terri Meyers and Mike Perry

Ushers: Barbara Cornelius, Denny & 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 **80**; **205** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Barbara Cornelius: In memory of Bill Cornelius.

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. **Jul. 9:** Whither Thou Goest; **Aug. 13:** The Women.

PHOTO DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

A Big Thank You to the 138 folks who have shared a photo for our new church directory! We are looking for 25 more photos to meet our goal of 40% prior to the launch. If your travels provided photo opportunities, please share your favorite. Photos can be sent to Tami at officemanager@verdefaith.org or can be uploaded directly through the link on our website under Membership, then "Time and Talent Survey".

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: Third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.

FHCMA Food Closet: toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.

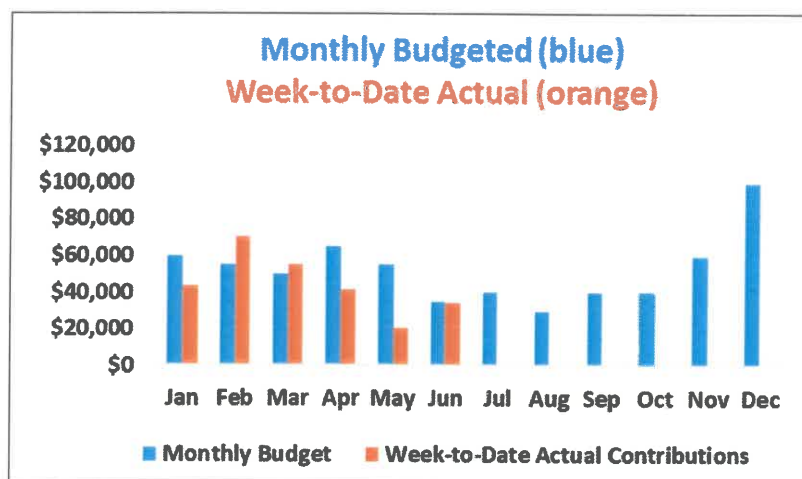
Extended Hands Food Bank: non-perishable food items.

Pad Project Ministry: meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through June 29 were
\$265,941

YTD Budgeted contributions
through June 29 were
\$320,000



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, July 7

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, July 8

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, July 9

10:30am Spiritual Themes In Literature (Founders Hall)

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday , July 10

No activities scheduled

Friday, July 11

No activities scheduled

Saturday, July 12

No activities scheduled

Sunday, July 13

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

A close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, focusing on the blue field with white stars. The red and white stripes are visible at the bottom, out of focus.

Happy 4th Of July Weekend Blessings

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The Old Rugged Cross



1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In that old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

TRUST AND ASSURANCE

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain
 well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul!
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.



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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