

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

July 27, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

*Christ liveth in me. And how great the
difference-instead of bondage, liberty;
instead of failure, quiet victories within;
instead of fear and weakness, a restful
sense of sufficiency in Another.*

Hudson Taylor

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

In This Very Room

(#295)

**Call to Worship*

(Adapted from re: Worship)

Leader: *Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,*

People: *Who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,*

Leader: *Who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord.*

People: *This is our God!*

ALL: *Let us worship God together.*

**Hymn of Praise*

Be Thou My Vison

#595

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from a UCC prayer)

O God, who casts healing light into deep and shadowed places, we confess to finding ourselves saying hateful things out of fear. Forgive us. We are not being our best, most loving selves. Fear does not bring out the qualities that you invite us to practice. There are countless ways to succumb to our fears. Do not let them have dominion over us. Keep reminding us of your commandment to live in love, even during times of adversity, as Jesus did. Let us never give up hope in you, our rock and our redeemer. And let us never give up trying to be our best, most loving selves, as you would have us be. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who showed us the way....

Silent Confession

*Please stand as you are able

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Awake, My Soul* (arr. Frazier)

Sermon *Do Not Be Afraid III*

Time of Reflection

***Closing Hymn** *Be Still, My Soul* #566

***Charge and Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: All Hail the Power (arr. Broughton), Largo (G.F. Handel), Walking Through Fire (arr. Duren)

Time of Reflection: Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment (arr. Carter)

Postlude: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (#614)

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

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Pat Strachan

Fellowship: Pat Strachan, Lita Hitchcock and Spencer Butts

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

Lector: Jerrie Ellis

Tellers: Terri Meyers and Ina Spaeth

Ushers: Barbara Rago and Tom Mulleady

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. Matthew also performs in the Phoenix area and out east in New York where he is finishing up his bachelors degree in music theater at Syracuse University!!
Go Orange!!

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 54; 178 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: The Flower Committee

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. **Aug. 13:** The Women by Kristin Hannah.

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".

FLOWER DONATIONS

We have a few spots left for summer if you would like to donate flowers. The following dates are available: **August 3rd and August 24th**. Please let Tami Burke, Office Manager, know if you would like to sign up for any of the available dates. You can stop by the office, email at officemanager@verdefaith.org or call 480-471-7239.

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.

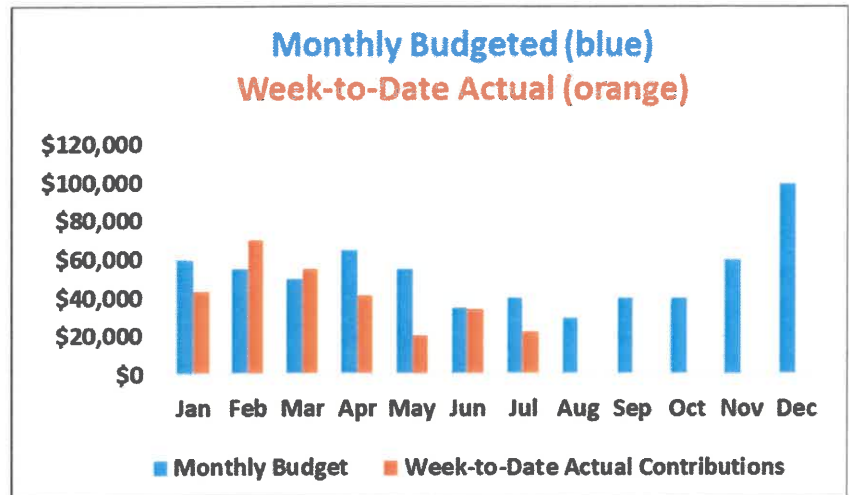
MISSIONS

-  **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 July 20 were
\$288,401

YTD Budgeted contributions
through July 20 were
\$350,000



Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$355,820

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 \$466,290

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

"Do Not Be Afraid" Series

August 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st—Pastor Cathy Northrup

August 24th—Guest Minister David Hogg, President of Phoenix Seminary

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that Pastor Steve Beard's first Sunday will be September 7. We invite the congregation to join us in welcoming him and his wife Julie during fellowship following the service. Opportunities for small groups to meet with Pastor Steve and Julie will be scheduled this fall. Announcements regarding dates/times to sign up for this will be made in the bulletin and through email. We are tentatively planning Installation of Pastor Steve during the November 9 church service. Thank you to everyone for your prayers during our search. God is good! He answered our prayers quickly and clearly!

Please continue to pray for a smooth transition.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 28

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, July 29

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, July 30

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, July 31

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 1

No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 2

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 3

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

11:00 St. Dominic Fellowship (Founders Hall)

New Summer Hours: The office has started its summer hours. The new hours will be Monday through Thursday 9:00am—3:00pm and Fridays closed.



Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my re - deem - er, my love thou hast won,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,


wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

WORDS: Irish song (8th century); tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.


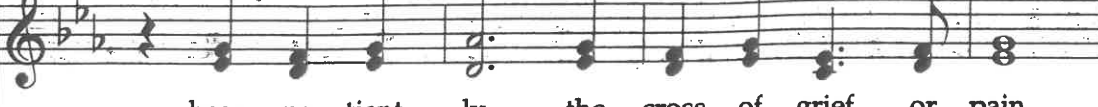
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

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Be Still, My Soul




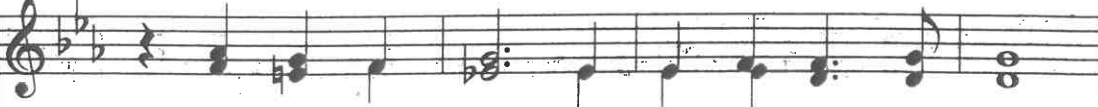
1. Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
 2. Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall dwell with God for - ev - er more,



Trust in your God, your sav - ior and your guide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

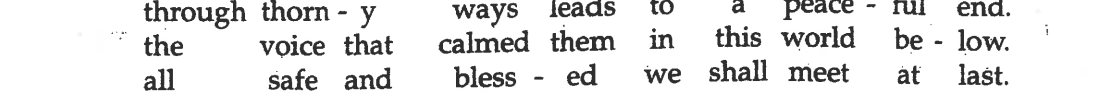
who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorn - y ways leads to a peace - ful end.
 the voice that calmed them in this world be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.





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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