

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

May 18, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

In This Very Room

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**Call to Worship*

(adapted from Ministry Matters)

Leader: *God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.*

People: *Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.*

Leader: *We need not fear.*

People: *In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.*

Leader: *Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.*

People: *Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you.*

ALL: *Let us worship God!*

**Hymn of Praise*

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord, forgive us for the way we have ignored the fruit of the Spirit which is peace. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life....

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.

**Please stand as you are able*

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 Hymn of Peace (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 John 14:25-31

²⁵ I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *Prayer for Peace* (Harlan)

Sermon *"Peace"*

Time of Reflection

***Closing Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #254

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #433

***Postlude**

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: I Need Thee Every Hour (Justin Reeve), A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief (David Glen Hatch), Tell Me the Stories (Janice Kapp Perry)

Time of Reflection: Nearer My God to Thee (Lowell Mason)

Postlude: Rejoice, You Pure in Heart #15

Duo: Sara Bruton and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Badge Table: Nancy Beegle and Bob Edwards

Communion Table: Rockee Coalson

Fellowship: Wendy Patry and Illa Alexander

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

Lector: Charla Smith

Tellers: Terri Meyers and Marilyn Perry

Ushers: Lita Hitchcock and Spencer Butts

MEET OUR GUEST PIANIST:

Jenn Crandall is a native Arizonian and has lived here her entire life. She and her husband have 6 amazing children. Jenn works for the Mesa Community College Music Department. At the college, Jenn is a pianist and plays for all the vocal students, musical theater shows and classes. Jenn has also played for many events around the state of Arizona. Please welcome Jenn to our beautiful church.

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.

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 128; 213 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Rockee Coalson: In loving memory of her mom's birthday.

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. **May 14:** I Lived to Tell the World; **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 need for summer. 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.



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.

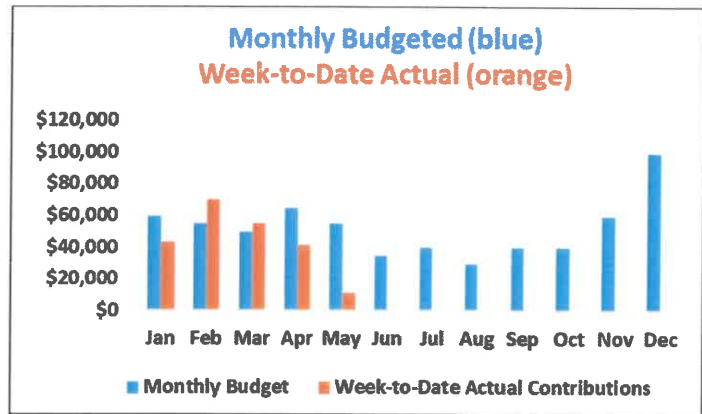
Extended Hands Food Bank: non-perishable food items.

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

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through May 11 were
\$222,527

YTD Budgeted contributions
through May 11 were
\$257,500



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 19

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

10:00am Call Committee (Boardroom)

5:00pm Rosary Meeting St Dominic (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 20

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, May 21

9:00am Bible Study (Founders Hall)

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 22

No activities scheduled

Friday, May 23

No activities scheduled

Saturday, May 24

No activities scheduled

Sunday, May 25

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

MAY MISSION DRIVE

TO BENEFIT



Christian Family Care's Mission is to strengthen
families
and serve at-risk children.

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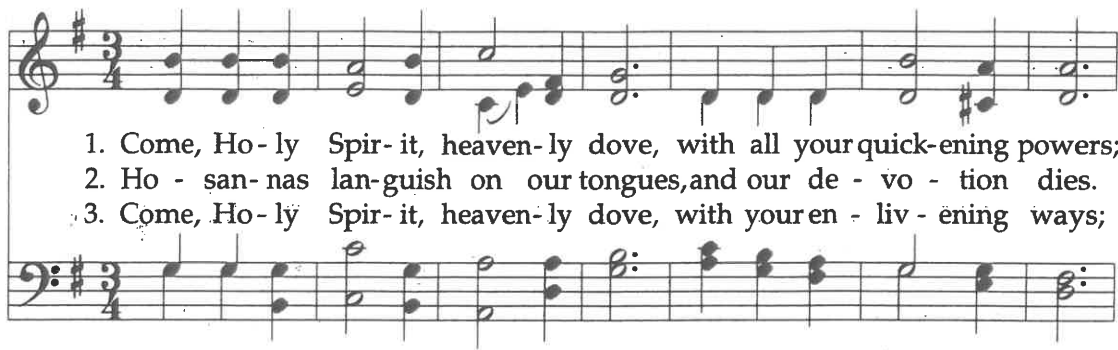
24-pack Crayons
Glue Bottles

Blunt Tip Scissors
Spiral Notebooks
Folders

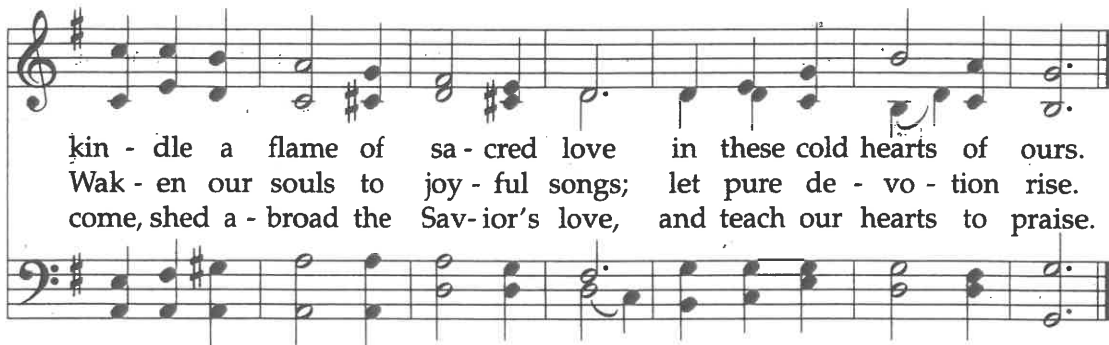
THANK YOU!



Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 248



1. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly dove, with all your quick-en-ing pow-ers;
2. Ho - san-nas lan-guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
3. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly dove, with your en - liv - en-ing ways;



kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
Wak - en our souls to joy - ful songs; let pure de - vo - tion rise.
come, shed a - broad the Sav-ior's love, and teach our hearts to praise.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707, alt.
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

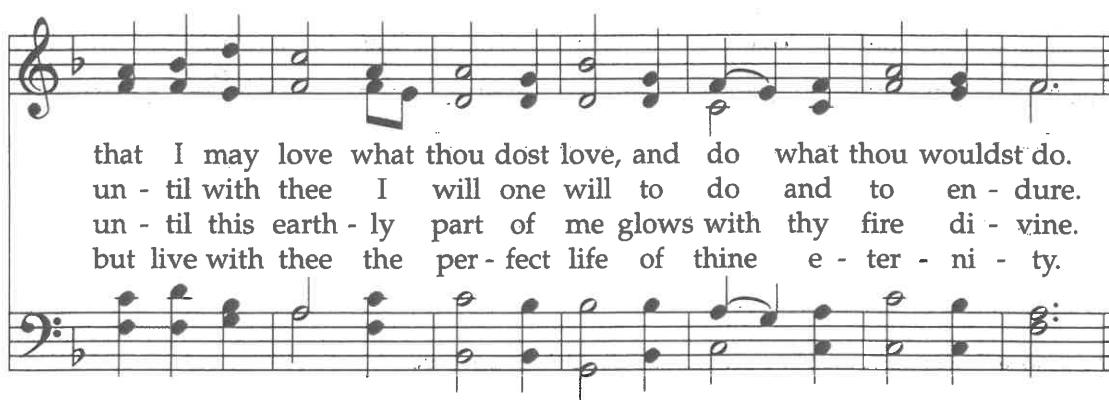
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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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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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