

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

November 16, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

This week we conclude our sermon series on the Psalms with one of the briefest yet most beautiful—Psalm 131. In just three verses, David offers a picture of spiritual maturity that is rooted not in knowledge or achievement, but in humility and trust. He confesses that his heart is not proud and his eyes are not raised too high; instead, he has learned the peace of resting in God's care. Like a weaned child resting quietly with its mother, David's soul is calm and content, freed from the need to control or understand everything.

In a noisy and competitive world, Psalm 131 invites us to release our restless striving and to embrace the stillness of faith—a life anchored in dependence upon God rather than in our own strength. As we close this series, we are reminded that the deepest peace comes not from having all the answers, but from learning to rest in the One who holds all things together.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

In This Very Room

#295

**Call to Worship*

Pastor: Come, people of God, with hearts open and spirits still.

People: We bring our hopes and our fears, our striving and our rest.

Pastor: The proud heart and the restless mind find peace in God alone.

People: Like a weaned child with its mother, our souls rest in the Lord.

Pastor: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord—

All: Both now and forevermore!

**Hymn of Praise*

You Servants of God

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, You call us to walk humbly with You, but too often we chase after greatness, seek control, and cling to our own understanding. We confess that our hearts are proud and our minds are busy with things too great for us. Forgive us for our restless striving and anxious pride. Teach us again the quiet trust of a child—content in Your presence, confident in Your care. In the stillness of Your mercy, help us find our rest in You. Amen.

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 *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* (arr. Sorenson)

***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 *Psalm 131*

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.² But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.³ O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *House of the Lord* (Wilkerson)

Sermon *"Our Longing for Humility"*

Time of Reflection

New Members Received

**Closing Hymn*

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response*

Threefold Amen

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: To God Be the Glory *with* Blessing, Honour and Glory (arr. Tornquist), Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Messiter), Lift High the Lord, Our Banner *with* Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (arr. Hayes)

Time of Reflection: Spirit Song (Wimber)

Postlude: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (#95)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch

Badge Table: Tami and Kent Lillemoe

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee

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

Lector: Carol Wallman

Tellers: Judy Mulvey and Jan Stegmann

Ushers: Denny & Terri Meyers, Donna Angiolillo and Sandra Shanley

Road Signs: Ric Doerflinger and Bill Hickman

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 248; 0 joined online. (Due to technical difficulties)

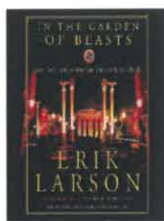
Today's flowers were donated by: Jan Weinberger: In memory of Lee Weinberger.

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 Steve with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00am 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 will start again in December.*



SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Theme in Literature book discussion will be led by Winnie Leathers and will begin on Thursday, December 11 from 10am—11:30am in the library. The book for December will be *In The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. All are welcome.



BIBLE STUDY WITH ED CARPENTER

Thursday Bible study with Ed Carpenter will be in Founders' Hall at 7:30am and 4:00pm. Both sessions are covering the same material. The subject will be the Gospel of John. All are welcome.



Let's decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! **December 5th @ 9:00am.** Volunteers needed to help decorate the Sanctuary and Founders Hall. Sign up after church in Founders Hall. For more information contact: Donna Angiolillo at 845-416-3445. Email: donnaangiolillo@gmail.com

Aloha! Fall Luau

When: Monday, November 17th 5:00pm

*****TOMORROW*****

Where: Community Church of the Verdes

Cost: \$10 per person

Menu: Pig Roast—Sides—Dessert

Sign Up: Required by Nov. 14th

Email Officemanager@verdefaith.org

Or in person on Sundays after church Nov.9th.

Payment accepted at time of sign up or at the door.

*****150 Max on attendance, space is filling up*****





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: Monday's at 1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am

November Mission Drive Where Hope Lives



This month, we are collecting items for **Where Hope Lives**. They take a Christ-centered approach to addressing the needs of girls aged 4 to 26 who are victims of human trafficking, providing trauma-informed therapy, housing and 24/7 care. They are the largest human-trafficking rescue and recovery operation in North America.

Please help by donating:

New towels: body, hand and washcloths

Toothbrushes, floss and body wash

Place items in the Blue Bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway.



MISSION COMMITTEE FEATURE: MEET CHARITY LEADERS

Today we are joined by Nicolee Thompson, Executive Director and Lori Schweighardt, Community Resources Coordinator of the **Harvest Compassion Center**. Their mission is to support the underserved in Phoenix in Christ's name by providing food, clothing and hygiene items. Please welcome them in Founders Hall during Fellowship time to learn more about their work.

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through November 9 were
\$504,743

YTD Budgeted contributions
through November 9 were
\$494,000



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Thank you for your continuing support!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$378,952

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 \$482,645

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 \$20,153

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, November 17

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
2:00pm Mission Committee Meeting (Board Room)
2:00pm Performing Arts Meeting (Library)
4:00pm Lecture—Mike Bussey (Sanctuary)
5:00pm Luau Dinner (Founders Hall)

Tuesday, November 18

1:00pm Steven Leaders Meeting (Steven Ministry Room)
2:00pm Steven Ministers Meeting (Library)
2:30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Board Room)

Wednesday, November 19

11:30am HR Meeting (Boardroom)
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 20

7:30am Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)
9:00am Justa Center Sandwich Making (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting (Board room)
4:00pm Bible Study with Ed (Founders Hall)

Friday, November 21

No activities scheduled

Saturday, November 22

1:00pm Eunice & Lee Sanderson Memorial Service (Chapel)

Sunday, November 23

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)
10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)
11:00am St. Dominic Fellowship (Founders Hall)

Mike Bussey **“Understanding both Sides of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”**

November 17, 2025

4:00PM



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Mike Bussey spent 40 years of his stellar career working in various leadership positions for the YMCA which included nine years at the CEO of the Jerusalem International YMCA. During Mike’s tenure, the YMCA was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for its historic work in building peaceful coexistence in the Middle East. Mike also spent 20 years with the YMCA of Greater St. Paul, MN and eight years as the YMCA USA’s Financial Development Consultant to 350 YMCAs in 14 Midwest states.



Please join us for this free event

You Servants of God

1. You ser - vants of God, your Sav - ior pro - claim,
 2. God's truth reach - es high, al - might - y to save,
 3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4. Then let us a - dore and ren - der God's right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name:
 and yet re - mains night: God's pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud for what God has done.
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umphs shall praise,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim;
 all hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

who, sov - ereign and glo - rious, now rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus al - ways.
 still veil - ing their fac - es, they wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Unison

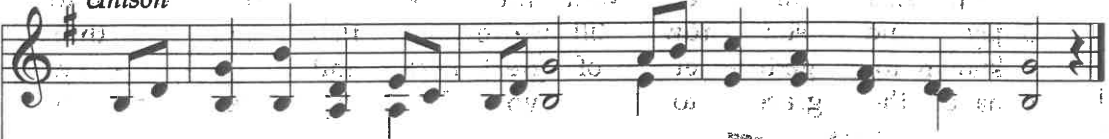
1. Bless now, O God, the jour-ney that all your peo-ple make,
2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims who share this wind-ing way,
3. Di-vine E-ter-nal Lov-er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si-lence; the way of give and take,
 whose hope burns through the ter-rors, whose love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow.

*Harmony*

The trail is found in des-ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho-ly free-dom while of-ten we are bound.
 But wait-ing not for plac-es, you meet us all a-round.

*Unison*

then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
 To- geth-er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov-e-nant is writ-ten on-roads, as faith is found.



WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

MUSIC: Swedish folk tune; harm. Lahrae Knatterud, 1983

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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 Spirit, 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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; 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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