

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

May 10, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

This morning we conclude our sermon series on the book of Jonah. Today, we turn to Jonah chapter 4, where the story takes an unexpected turn. After Nineveh's repentance, Jonah responds not with joy, but with anger. Why does God's mercy trouble him? And what might that reveal about our own hearts?

Tim Keller says, "The real problem is that Jonah believes in a God of grace, but he does not want a God of grace."

This quote captures the heart of the chapter—Jonah is fine receiving mercy but resists God extending that same mercy to others.

Together we'll reflect on the wideness of God's compassion, the mystery of His ways, and the invitation to trust a God whose grace extends far beyond our expectations.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

In This Very Room

#295

Call to Worship

Pastor: In our distress, we call to the Lord.

People: And He hears us!

Pastor: We come from places of conflict and weariness,

People: Seeking God's peace and presence.

Pastor: The Lord is our refuge and our deliverer.

People: He is faithful and full of mercy.

Pastor: Come, pilgrims of faith,

People: Let us lift our eyes to the God who calls us on the journey.

All: Together, we worship the Lord who hears, rescues, and leads us!

**Hymn of Praise*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison) (Adapted from Book of Common Worship)

Eternal God, we give You thanks for the great cloud of witnesses within which we stand. But we confess that often times we are indifferent to Your will. You call us to proclaim Your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In Your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in Your way, that, joined with those from ages past, who have served You with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom You promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Please stand as you are able*

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

Shine on Us

(arr. Schrader)

**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

Jonah 4: 1-11

¹ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that

attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Prayer for Peace (Harlan)

Sermon "The Pouting Prophet"

Time of Reflection

**Closing Hymn Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove #248*

Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response Fourfold Amen*

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

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

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

Postlude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#16)

Duo: Jeffrey Stevens and Sara Bruton

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Rockee Coalson

Refreshment Stewards: Illa Alexander, Brytt Boyle, Jennifer Ristau

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Debbie Etcheson

Tellers: Judy Sevier and Tom Spaeth

Ushers: Tom and Lisa Young

Road Signs: Bill Hickman and Ric Doerflinger

MEET OUR GUEST PIANIST:

Jenn Crandall is a native Arizonian and has lived here her entire life. She and her husband have six 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.

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 183; 170 joined online.

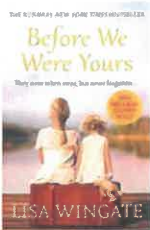
Today's flowers were donated by: Nell Bigley: Blessings to all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

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 will resume in the Fall. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.



SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Theme in Literature book discussion will be led by Winnie Leathers. The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the Library The next meeting is **May 14th-** Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. All are welcome.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 11

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, May 12

4:30pm Weekly Rosary St. Dominic (Chapel)

Wednesday, May 13

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

Thursday, May 14

10:00am Spiritual Themes in Literature (Library)

Friday, May 15

No activities scheduled

Saturday, May 16

No activities scheduled

Sunday, May 17

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

Community Prayer – Summer Schedule

During the summer months, our Community Prayer service will be held on Wednesdays only at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

If you are away and would like to receive the prayer liturgy by email, please contact Pastor Steve at sbeard@verdefaith.org.





MISSIONS

Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center: The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am

Pad Project Ministry: Will start again in the Fall

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

MAY MISSION DRIVE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE



The May Mission Drive is for **Christian Family Care**, whose mission is to strengthen families and serve at-risk children. We are collecting supplies for Kindergarten backpacks:

- ♥ **24-pack Crayons**
- ♥ **Washable Markers**
- ♥ **No. 2 Pencils**
- ♥ **Blunt Tip Scissors**
- ♥ **Erasers**
- ♥ **Glue Sticks and Bottles**
- ♥ **Two-pocket Folders**
- ♥ **Spiral Notebooks.**



Our goal is to fill 50 backpacks.

Items can be left in the blue bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway. If you order anything from Amazon, please use the church address for delivery.

GIVING NOTES

**Online Giving is available!
It's easy, fast and secure.**



Support CCV Ministries & Missions with Online Giving

Just scan the barcode or visit the website at verdefaith.org/give

With gratitude for the generosity of church members, we are currently operating within our projected budget. The Finance Committee is focused on keeping you informed of this measure and of other financial results. We are developing a more comprehensive method of reporting this information to you. You can expect a high-level snapshot of Receipts, Disbursements, Capital Spending and Fund Balances on a quarterly basis. The first report will be available in early July.

For comments, suggestions or questions, please contact Kim Dadlani, Treasurer, at Kim.g.dadlani@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful giving!!!

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

Legacy Endowment Fund

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. Historically, this amount was allocated to the Mission Committee to support charitable organizations.

Memorial Garden Fund

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 internment of the ashes of loved ones.

If you are leaving for the season, Safe Travels! Please stay connected by logging on to the church website to keep up with any new information.

Also make sure that you sign up for our **You Tube Channel** so that you can continue to watch Pastor Steve's service online.

<https://www.youtube.com/@communitychurchoftheverdes>

Send us an email and let us know how you are doing once in awhile. We always love to hear from our church family!

Remember the website is your "Go To" for all of your questions and answers about the church. Please take advantage of this amazing site that was put together for your convenience.

SEE YOU IN THE FALL!





HAPPY

Mother's Day



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3. My lov - ing Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
4. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

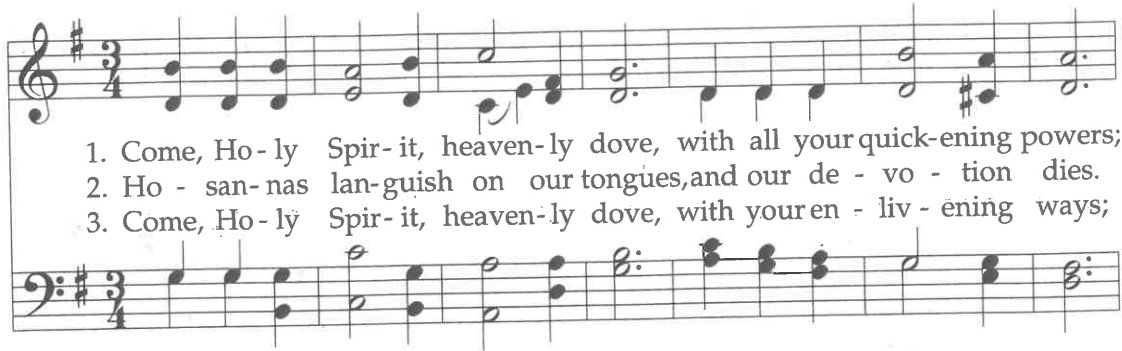
the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

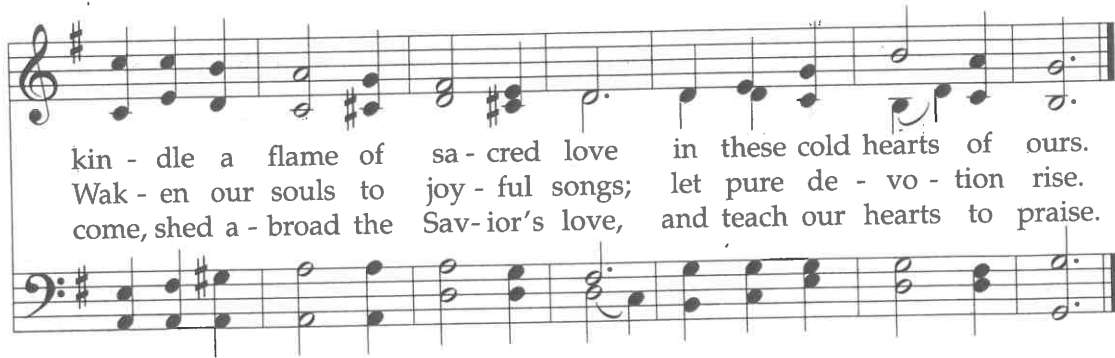
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Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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1. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly dove, with all your quick-ening powers;
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 - ening 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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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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