

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*May 31, 2026*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*Today, in the third message of our sermon series through the Book of Acts, we encounter the healing of the lame beggar at the Temple gate. When the man asked Peter and John for money, he expected a small act of charity. Instead, he encountered the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Acts 3 reminds us that compassion and care for human need deeply matter to God. The Church is called to serve, help, and love those who are hurting. Yet this passage also points us to an even greater gift: the hope, healing, and new life found in the name of Jesus. Today, we explore how the Church is called not only to care for people's immediate needs, but also to proclaim the saving power of Christ that changes lives forever.*

# *Order of Worship*

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome & Announcements*

## *Introit*

*His Wonderous Love We Proclaim*

*(Thomson)*

## *Call to Worship*

*Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

***People: Who has given us new life through grace and mercy.***

*Pastor: Come, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens.*

***People: We come to the One who gives rest to our souls.***

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

***People: We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Pastor: Let us worship God,*

***People: In spirit and in truth.***

## *\*Hymn of Praise*

*"Are Ye Able", Said the Master*

**#621**

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)*

*Eternal God, You are our refuge and our fortress, yet we confess that our trust in You falters. We are anxious about the future, and we seek security in things that cannot last. We are tempted to compromise with what is crooked, rather than walk in Your straight path. We confess our doubt, our fear, and our divided hearts. Surround us again with Your mercy, Lord. Set our feet firm upon Your promises, and keep us secure in Your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## *Silent Confession*

### *Prayer Response*

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**#306**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*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 Home (arr. Clydesdale)*

*\*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 Acts 3:1-10*

*<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> All the*

*people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.*

**Leader:** *The Word of the Lord.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Anthem** *Jesus Messiah* (arr. Sorenson)

**Sermon** *"Care and the Gospel"*

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Closing Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #91

**Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Response** *Peace Go with You* (Nolan)

**\*Postlude**

**Music for today's worship includes:**

**Prelude:** Sing to God with Heart and Voice (Williams), Blessed Be Your Name (arr. Tornquist), I'll Fly Away (arr. Hayes)

**Time of Reflection:** Take the World, But Give Me Jesus (arr. Labenske)

**Postlude:** Come, Christians, Join to Sing (#90)

**Trio:** Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, Jeffrey Stevens

**Volunteers assisting with worship today:**

**Communion Table:** Rockee Coalson

**Refreshment Stewards:** Mary Gray, Rockee Coalson, Judy Sevier and Mike Perry

**Flower Committee:** Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

**Lector:** Illa Alexander

**Tellers:** John Cole and Karen Ritchie

**Ushers:** Ann Bence and Judy Cameron

**Road Signs:** Bill Hickman, Ric Doerflinger, Tom Young

## **Pastor Steve's upcoming Sermons**

### **June 7th**

Title:                   **Holy Boldness**

Scripture:           Acts 4:1-14

### **June 14th**

Title:                   **One Heart, One Mind**

Scripture:           Acts 4:32-37

## **Where in the World are Community Church Members?**

As you travel this summer, send us a picture that we can share during our pre roll announcements. We want to stay connected and share your joy. Send us a picture on the lake, on the cruise, on the beach or wherever your summer away takes you.

Send pictures to Tami Burke at [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org)



# 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](http://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 **130**; **185** 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 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](mailto:lift5800@gmail.com).

## FLOWER DONATIONS...

If you would like to donate flowers over the summer for the altar, please call, stop by, or email the office at: [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org)

We have several dates open:

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**





## 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:** Will start again in the Fall.

## 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](mailto:sbeard@verdefaith.org).



## Care Team Prayers

Our newly created Care Team has begun praying weekly for members of our congregation. We are praying through our membership rolls alphabetically and will pray specifically for a small group of names each week.

If you have a specific prayer request, please email Donna Angiolillo at: [donna.angiolillo@gmail.com](mailto:donna.angiolillo@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Monday, June 1**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

2:00pm Packing of Kindergarten Backpacks (Founders Hall)

## **Tuesday, June 2**

Parking Lot Asphalt Repair—No Parking on Premises

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

## **Wednesday, June 3**

Parking Lot Asphalt Repair—No Parking on Premises

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

## **Thursday, June 4**

No activities scheduled

## **Friday, June 5**

No activities scheduled

## **Saturday, June 6**

No activities scheduled

## **Sunday, June 7**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

## SUMMER HOURS STARTING JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

**MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM**

**FRIDAYS: CLOSED**



# 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. Thank you for your overwhelming response to our Kindergarten Backpack supply drive.

Through your generosity, we have collected enough supplies to fill **75 Kindergarten Backpacks!**

## WANT TO HELP PACK THE BACKPACKS?

Join us on **Monday, June 1st in Founders' Hall at 2 pm**. If you are coming, please notify Nancy Lowe at 203-395-9872 or [ntart94@gmail.com](mailto:ntart94@gmail.com)



## 621 "Are Ye Able," Said the Master

1. "Are ye a-ble," said the Mas-ter, "to' be cru-ci-fied with me?"  
 2. "Are ye a-ble" to re-mem-ber, when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
 3. "Are ye a-ble" when the shad-ows close a-round you with the sod,  
 4. "Are ye a-ble?" Still the Mas-ter whis-pers down e-ter-ni-ty,

"Yea," the sturd-y dream-ers an-swered, "to the death we fol-low thee."  
 that his par-doned soul is wor-thy of a place in par-a-dise?  
 to be-lieve that spir-it tri-umphs, to com-mend your soul to God?  
 and he-ro-ic spir-its an-swer now, as then, in Gal-i-lee.

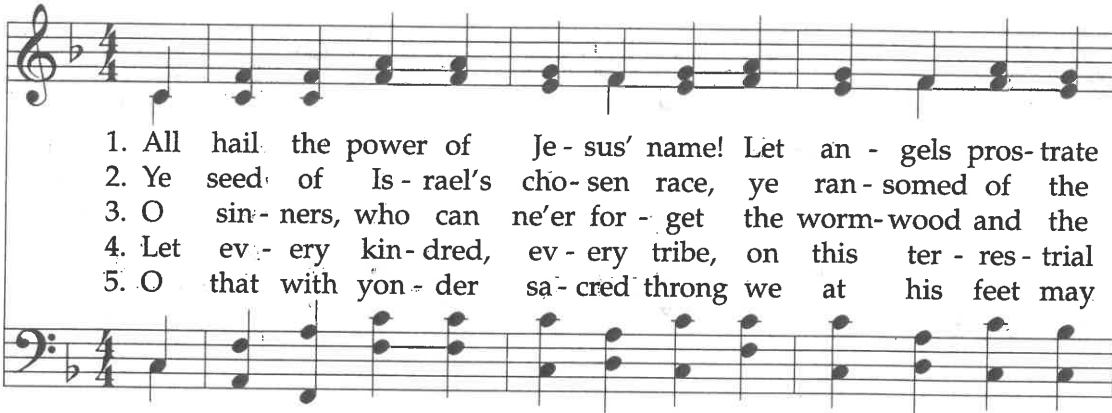
## Refrain

"Lord, we are a-ble." Our spir-its are thine. Re-mold them,

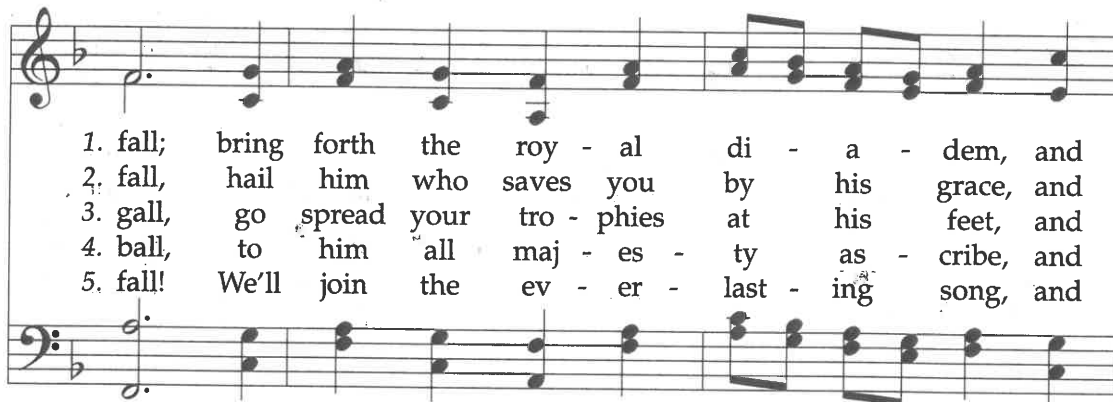
make us, like thee, di-vine. Thy guid-ing ra-diance a-bove us shall

be a bea-con to God, to love and loy-al-ty.

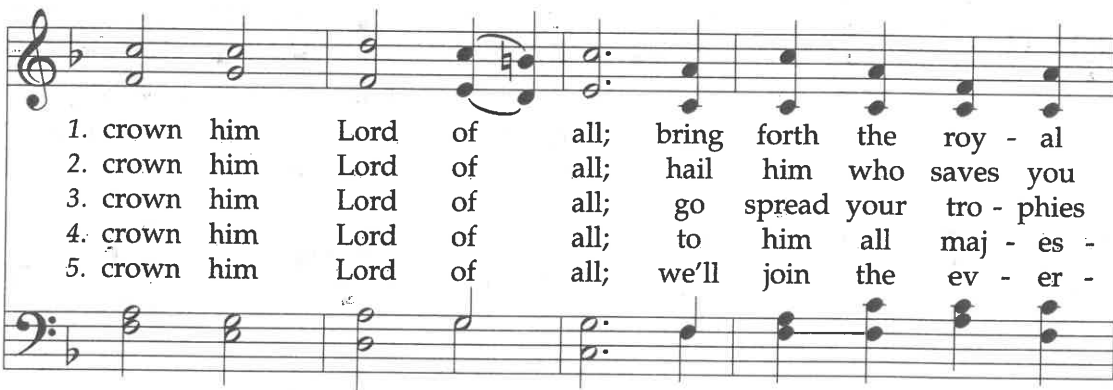
## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



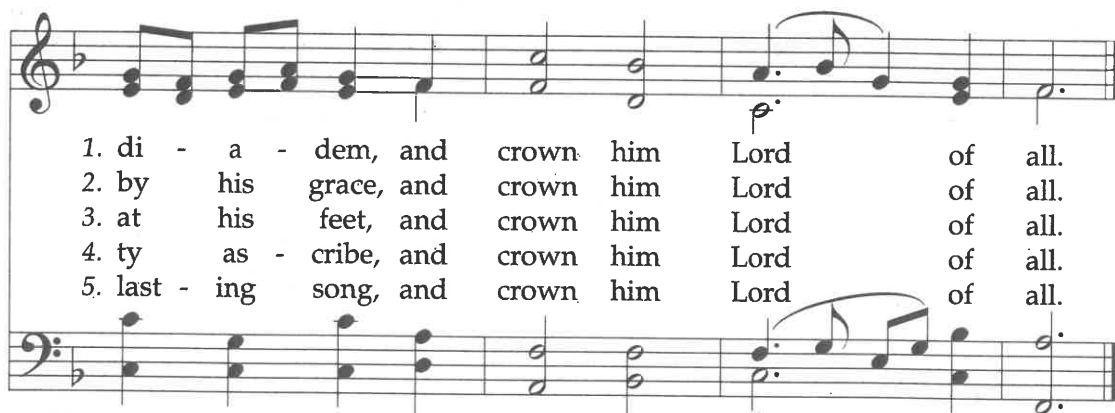
1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the  
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial  
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may



1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 3. gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and  
 4. ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and  
 5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al  
 2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you  
 3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies  
 4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -  
 5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -



1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
 3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
 4. ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
 5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.



### *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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Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton*

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