

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*June 14, 2026*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*This Sunday we come to one of the most surprising and sobering passages in the Book of Acts: the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Following the joy and unity of the early church, Luke records an event that reminds us that the church is not merely a human organization-it belongs to God. The story raises important questions about honesty, integrity, hypocrisy, and the holiness of God.*

*Author Annie Dillard famously wrote, "It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets." She wondered if modern Christians have forgotten the kind of power and presence we invoke when we gather for worship. Her vivid image captures something of what the first believers experienced: a profound awareness that God was truly present among them.*

*As we continue our series, *The Church Alive*, we will explore what it means to live authentically before God, why reverence and awe remain essential to Christian worship, and how the fear of the Lord is not opposed to grace but is part of a healthy and vibrant faith. This morning we will discover how this challenging passage still speaks to the church today and calls us to worship God with honesty, humility, and wholehearted devotion.*

# Order of Worship

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Introit*

*In This Very Room*

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*Call to Worship*

*Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord, who is holy and worthy of all praise.*

*People: We come before Him with reverence and awe.*

*Pastor: The Lord knows our hearts and calls us to walk in truth.*

*People: We lay aside all pretense and seek His grace.*

*Pastor: Let us offer acceptable worship to God.*

*People: For our God is a consuming fire.*

*Pastor: Let us worship the Lord.*

*People: Amen.*

*\*Hymn of Praise*

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)*

*Holy and gracious God, You are worthy of our reverence, trust, and obedience, yet we confess that we often live as though You do not see our hearts. We are tempted to care more about appearances than faithfulness, more about the approval of others than Your approval. We have hidden our faults, guarded our pride, and failed to walk honestly before You. Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us to live in truth, humility, and sincere devotion. Through the mercy of Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sin and lead us in the way everlasting. In His holy name we pray. Amen.*

*Silent Confession*

*Prayer Response*

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

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\*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 Hallelujah! Thine the Glory (arr. 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 Acts 5: 1-11*

*<sup>1</sup>But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; <sup>2</sup>with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>"Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" <sup>5</sup>Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. <sup>7</sup>After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the*

price.”<sup>9</sup> Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”<sup>10</sup> Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.<sup>11</sup> And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** In the Morning, Joy (Hayes)

**Sermon** “A Healthy Respect for God”

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Closing Hymn** Take My Life #609

**Charge and Benediction**

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

**\*Postlude**

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

**Prelude:** How Great Thou Art (Hine), A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *with* Awesome God (arr. Tornquist), El Shaddai (Thompson)

**Time of Reflection:** Holy Spirit (arr. Sorenson)

**Postlude:** Lead On, O King Eternal (#632)

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

**Volunteers assisting with worship today:**

**Communion Table:** Elaine Betsch

**Refreshment Stewards:** Joan Reynolds and Jennifer McRae

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

**Lector:** Rockee Coalson

**Tellers:** Ina Spaeth and Mike Perry

**Ushers:** Tom & Lisa Young, and Julie Blake

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

## SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (**December 10th**). We will review Mark Twain by Ron Chernow. We will meet on subsequent months on the second Thursday of the month until May 2027. I will send other titles over the summer.

## 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:

**July 19th**

**Aug 9th**

**Aug 16th**

**Aug 23rd**

**Aug 30th**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome members and guests!** 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 **132;149** joined online.

**Today's flowers were donated by Judy Sevier:** In memory and gratitude for my family in heaven.

**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 [liff5800@gmail.com](mailto:liff5800@gmail.com).



## 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 15**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

## **Tuesday, June 16**

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

## **Wednesday, June 17**

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

## **Thursday, June 18**

9am Justa Center Sandwich Making (Founders Hall)

## **Friday, June 19**

No activities scheduled

## **Saturday, June 20**

No activities scheduled

## **Sunday, June 21**

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

## SUMMER HOURS

**MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM**

**FRIDAYS: CLOSED**



## 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, relaxing at home or wherever your summer away takes you. Send pictures to Tami Burke at [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org)



# 453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,  
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear-call to work and worth,  
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side-by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to- geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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# Take My Life

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1. Take my life, and let it be con-se-crath-ed, Lord, to thee.  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love.  
3. Take my voice, and let me sing; un-to God my praise I bring.  
4. Take my sil-ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;  
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger mine.  
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea-sure store.



1. Take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in  
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti-  
3. Take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sa-  
4. Take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as  
5. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy  
6. Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly,



1. cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
2. ful for thee, swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.  
3. ges from thee, filled with mes-sa-ges from thee.  
4. thou shalt choose, ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.  
5. roy-al throne, it shall be thy roy-al throne.  
6. all for thee, ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1874  
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

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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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