

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

August 9, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Acts 13:44-52

Everyone experiences rejection, disappointment, and failure. The question is not whether we will face setbacks, but how we will respond to them. In Acts 13, Paul and Barnabas encounter fierce opposition after faithfully proclaiming the gospel. Rather than becoming discouraged or consumed by their critics, they shake the dust from their feet and continue on to the next place God is leading.

Their confidence comes from knowing that this not their mission-it is God's mission, carried forward by the power of the Holy Spirit. The success of the gospel does not depend on the apostles but on God, who continues His work even when the doors close and people reject the message.

This morning we'll discover how freedom comes when we let go of disappointment, refuse to be defined by failure, and trust the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purposes. Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is shake the dust from our feet and keep following where God leads.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Spirit of the Living God

#259

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*

All My Hope on God Is Founded

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, on Whom we rely for life and its meaning: We confess that we have sinned against you by abandoning hope, by failing to hear and accept your promises, by relying on ourselves to be both the source and the object of our faith. Forgive us, we pray. Open once more our hearts to your mercy, our minds to your promise, and our hands to the work you call us to do for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*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

Shout to the Lord

(Zschech)

**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 13:44-52

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. ⁴⁶ Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" ⁴⁸ When the gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord, and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. ⁴⁹ Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and drove them out of their region. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *“Shake the Dust Off”*

Time of Reflection

Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Prelude: In Christ Alone *with* The Solid Rock (arr. Tornquist), Praise the Lord on High (Sawyer), We Bow Down (Paris)

Time of Reflection: Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Stebbins)

Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#25)

Duo: Sara Bruton, and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch

Refreshment Stewards: Kathy Lueck and Sandra Shadley

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Keith Betsch

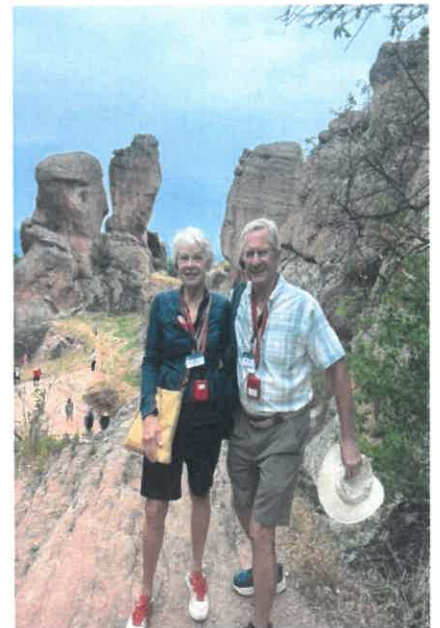
Tellers: Barbara Cornelius and Terri Meyers

Ushers: Charla Smith & Tom Reinarts

Road Signs: Bill Hickman, Ric Doerflinger, Tom Young

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 The pictures that have been sent in so far are wonderful! Hope that all of you are enjoying them as much as we are. Keep them coming!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! 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 **92; 240** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated Anonymously: In appreciation of all the volunteers at church.

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.



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 of July and August, our Community Prayer service will be held online via Microsoft TEAMS. Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to be included, please contact Pastor Steve at sbeard@verdefaith.org. for an email invite to join online. It's easy and you are able to participate anywhere you have internet access, phone or computer.



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.

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 is available in the office if you missed it in the bulletin.

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 was 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, August 10

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (online)

11:00am Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve (Founders Hall)

Thursday, August 13

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 14

No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 15

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 16

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

SUMMER HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

FRIDAYS: CLOSED



Upcoming Sermons

August 16th

Title: Do Rock the Boat

Scripture: Acts 15:1-12, 36-41

August 23rd

Title: On Hearing God

Scripture: Acts 16

August 30th

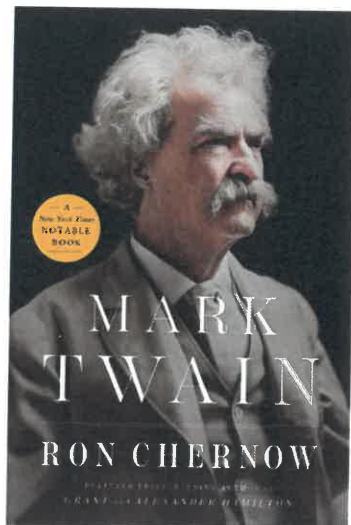
Title: Friends for the Journey

Scripture: Acts 18:1-11



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.



All My Hope on God Is Founded

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1. All my hope on God is found-ed, who does still my
 2. Hu - man pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3. But in ev - ery time and sea - son, out of love's a -

trust re - new. Safe through change and chance God guides me,
 tray our trust; though with care and toil we build them,
 bun - dant store, God sus - tains the whole cre - a - tion

ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true. God un - known,
 tower and tem - ple fall to dust, But God's power,
 fount of life for - ev - er - more. We who share

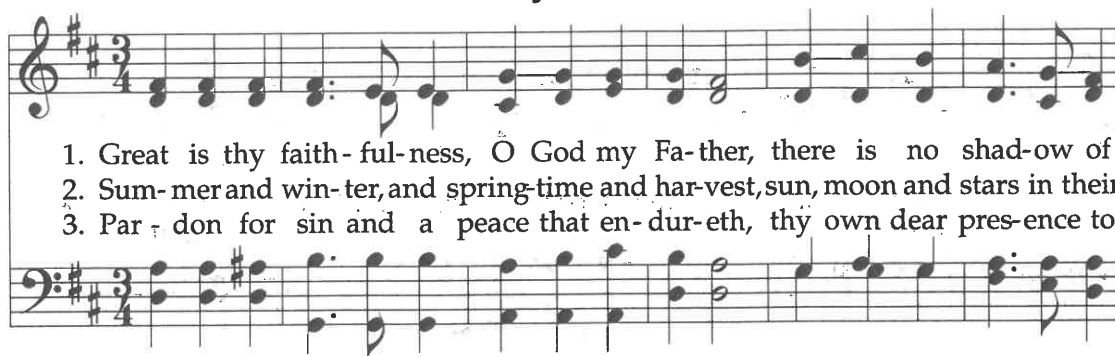
God a - lone, seeks to claim my heart as home.
 hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 earth and air count on God's un - fail - ing care.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680, alt.; st. 3 tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1986
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680 (from chorale *Unser Herrscher*)

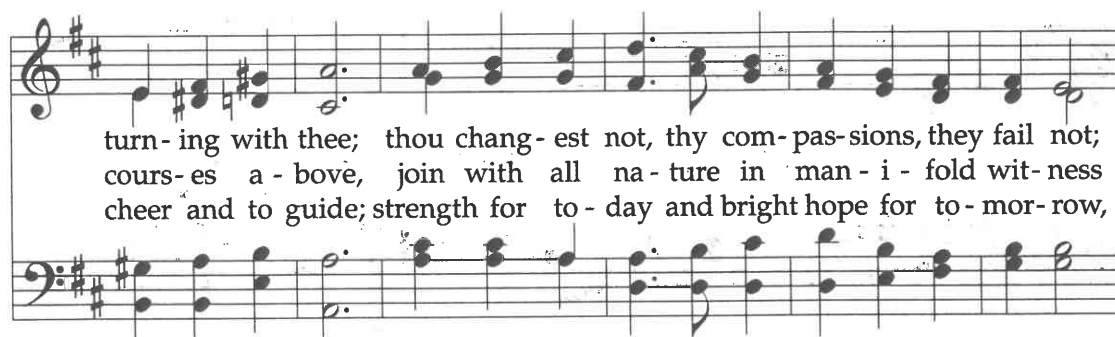
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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

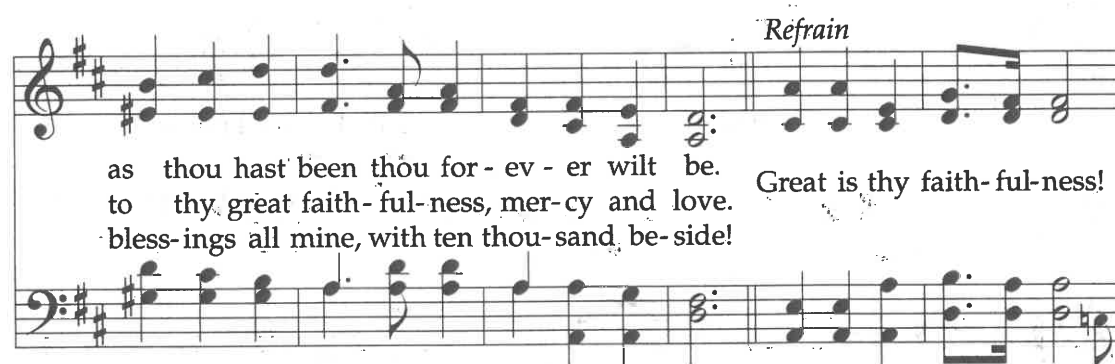
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1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their
 3. Par-t don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

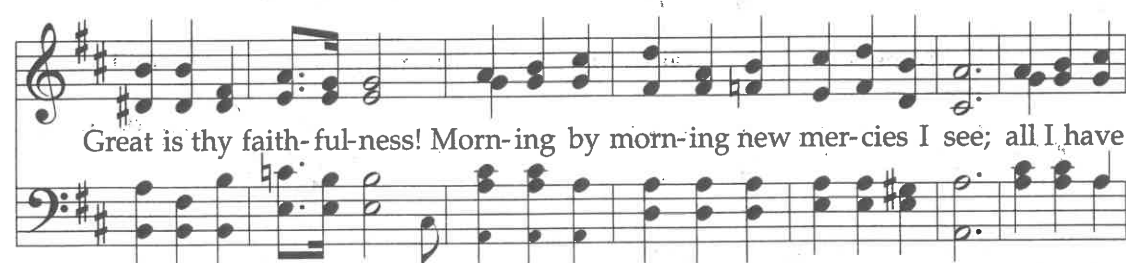


turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

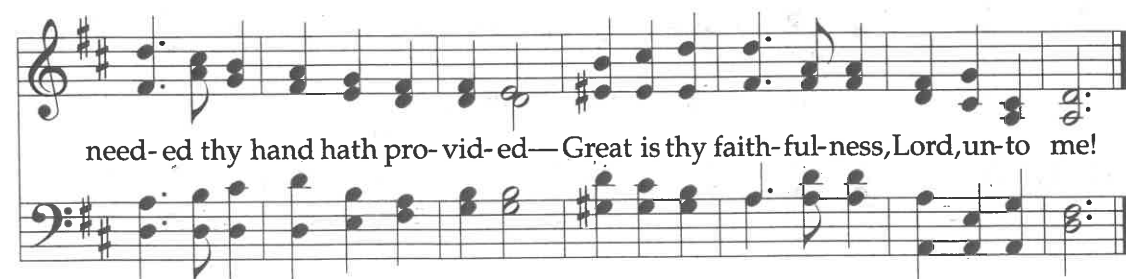


Refrain

as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have



need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS
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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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