

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*August 16, 2026*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*Acts 15:36-41*

*As the story of Acts unfolds, the early church is growing rapidly as the Holy Spirit carries the gospel from Jerusalem to the nations. Yet this growing church is not without its struggles. The apostles have faced persecution, theological disagreements, and difficult questions about how Jewish and Gentile believers should live together. In Acts 15, the Jerusalem Council has helped bring clarity and unity to the church. But immediately afterward, we see another kind of conflict-this time between Paul and Barnabas.*

*Paul wants to return to the churches they visited on their first missionary journey, but he and Barnabas disagree about taking John Mark with them. Barnabas is willing to give Mark another opportunity, while Paul believes Mark's previous departure makes him unsuitable for the journey. The disagreement becomes so sharp that Paul and Barnabas separate and go in different directions.*

*It is a surprisingly honest picture of the early church. Even faithful Christians can disagree. Yet the story does not end with the conflict. God continues to work through Paul, Barnabas, Mark, and the growing church. Their disagreement did not stop the mission of God.*

*This passage reminds us that conflict is not necessarily the end of Christian fellowship or ministry. We will sometimes disagree with one another, even when we sincerely desire to serve Christ. The challenge is to handle those disagreements with grace, humility, and a willingness to trust that God is still at work-even when we cannot see the whole picture.*

# *Order of Worship*

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome & Announcements*

## *Introit*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**#263**

## *Call to Worship*

**Pastor:** Come, let us worship the God whose grace is greater than every boundary we create.

**People:** **We come trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:** We are not saved by our accomplishments or traditions.

**People:** **We are saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** Let us worship the God who welcomes all people through Christ.

**People:** **We worship you, O God. Amen.**

## *\*Hymn of Praise*

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**#100**

## *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 ore 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*

*Wade in the Water*

*(arr. Hayes)*

### *\*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 15:36-41*

<sup>36</sup> After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Come, let us return and visit the brothers and sisters in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." <sup>37</sup> Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. <sup>39</sup> The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. <sup>40</sup> But Paul chose Silas and set out, the brothers and sisters commending him to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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

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

*Anthem*                                      *All My Trials*                                      (arr. Fettke and Grassi)

*Sermon*                                      “Grace in the Conflict”

*Time of Reflection*

*\*Closing Hymn*                                      “Are Ye Able,” Said the Master                                      #621

*Charge and Benediction*

*\*Closing Response*                                      *Go in the Grace of the Lord*                                      (Barnard)

*\*Postlude*

*Music for today’s worship includes:*

**Prelude:** Alleluia! (Mozart), Voluntary (Stanley), That’s a Hallelujah (arr. Hamby)

**Time of Reflection:** He Hideth My Soul (Kirkpatrick)

**Postlude:** Faith of Our Fathers (#635)

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

*Volunteers assisting with worship today:*

**Communion Table:** Diane Spang

**Refreshment Stewards:** Glenda Hage and Terri Meyers

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

**Lector:** Curt Hage

**Tellers:** Jan Stegmann and Judy Dorwart

**Ushers:** Keith & Elaine Betsch

**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](mailto: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](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 **83** in person; **227** joined online.

**Today's flowers were donated Anonymously:** In appreciation of Pastor Steve and family.

**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).





## 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](mailto: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.

## Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team for The Community Church of the Verdes has been formed to assist Pastor Steve Beard in his mission for our church. The team will walk alongside individuals by providing visitation, communion, listening, and prayer to those facing crisis, illness, or life transitions.

Your Pastoral Care Team members are Donna Angiolillo, Diane Bronson, Julie Dadlani, Debbie Etcheson, Gary Etcheson, Lois Halberg, and Gary Hedstrom.

## 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 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](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, August 17**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

## **Tuesday, August 18**

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

## **Wednesday, August 19**

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

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

## **Thursday, August 20**

9:00am Justa Center Sandwich Making (Founders Hall)

## **Friday, August 21**

No activities scheduled

## **Saturday, August 22**

No activities scheduled

## **Sunday, August 23**

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 23rd**

**Title: On Hearing God**

**Scripture: Acts 16**

**August 30th**

**Title: Friends for the Journey**

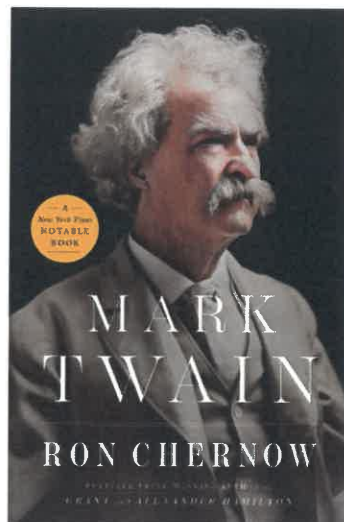
**Scripture: Acts 18:1-11**



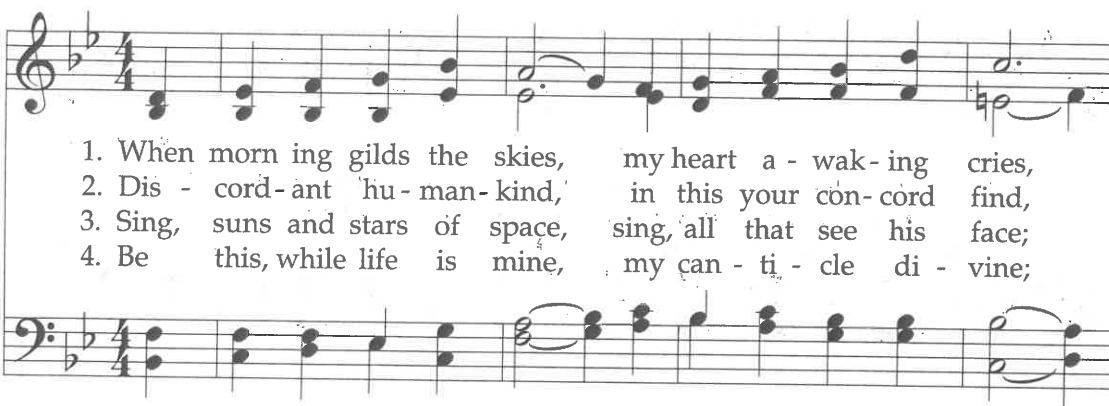
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## SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

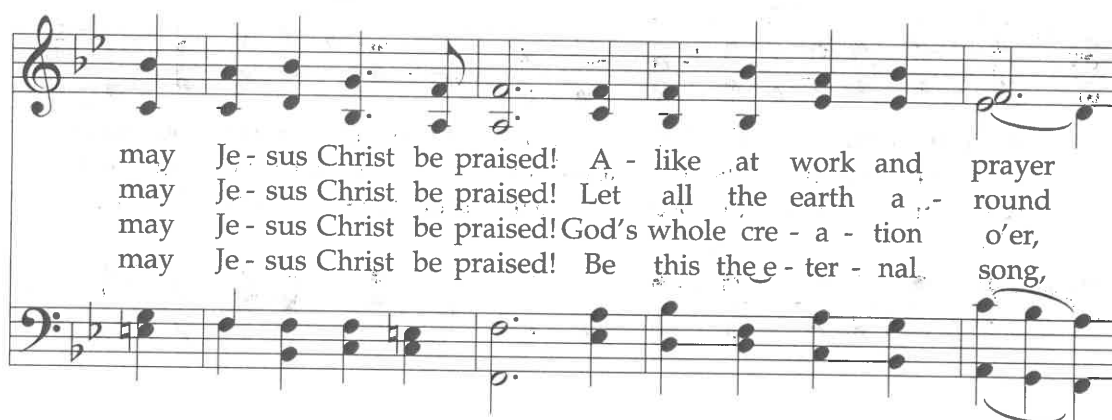
The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (**December 10th**). We will review Mark Twain by Ron Chernow. We will meet on subsequent months on the second Thursday of the month until May 2027. I will send other titles over the summer.



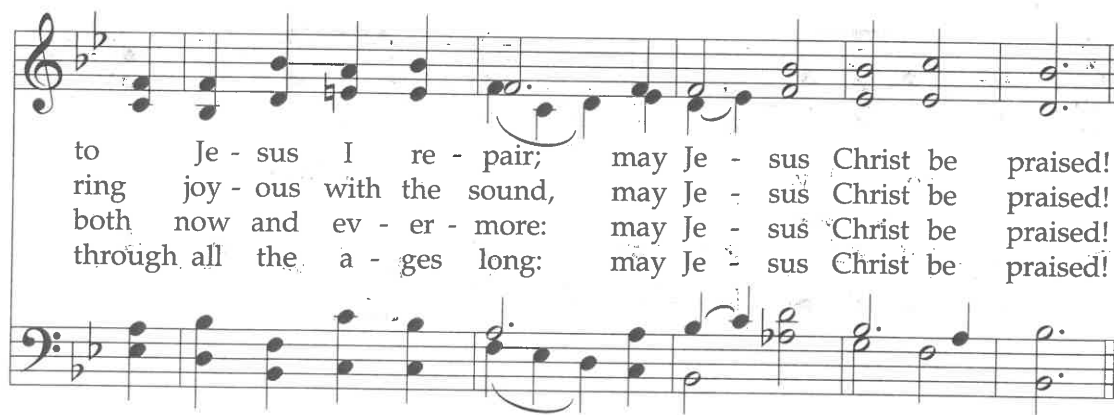
## When Morning Gilds the Skies



1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: German hymn (early 19th century); tr. Edward Caswall, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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## 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.

*Refrain*

The Lord will make a way some-how, when be-neath the cross I some-how,

bow; He will take a-way each sor-row, let him have your I bow; way each sor-row,

bur-dens now; when the load bears down so heav-y the all your bur-dens; down so heav-y,

weight is shown up-on my brow, there's a sweet re-lief in on my brow,

know-ing, oh, the Lord will make a way some-how. in know-ing some-how.



### *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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Office Manager: Tami Burke*

*A/V Operator: Skyler Evans  
Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton*

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