

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

August 30, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Friends for the Journey

In Acts 18:1-11, Paul arrives in Corinth and discovers that the journey of faith is not meant to be traveled alone. Along the way, God provides companions-people who encourage us, work alongside us, share our burdens, and remind us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. Aquila and Priscilla become partners in ministry, while Paul continues faithfully proclaiming the gospel even when the road is difficult.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer captured this truth beautifully: "The Christ in my heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of the brother." (Life Together, p.23) Bonhoeffer wrote these words shortly before the Nazis arrested him for participating in the resistance to Hitler. He was executed at Flossenbug Prison on April 9, 1945.

This is one reason our life together at Community Church of the Verdes matters so deeply. We need one another. Gathering for worship, prayer, fellowship, study, and service gives us opportunities to encourage one another, to listen to one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to remind one another of God's faithfulness. The Christian life was never intended to be lived in isolation. When we gather together, we become companions for one another on the journey of faith.

Our faith is strengthened through the people God places beside us. Who are the companions God has given you for the journey-and whose journey might God be calling you to share?

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

In This Very Room

#295

Call to Worship

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Come, let us turn our hearts toward God.

People: We come seeking mercy, hope, and new life.

Pastor: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

People: We will call upon the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.

Pastor: Let us worship God together.

People: We lift our hearts to the Lord.

**Hymn of Praise*

I Love to Tell the Story

#480

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have turned from your ways and trusted too much in our own. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us by your Spirit, and lead us again in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen

Silent Confession

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand as you are able

***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

Hymn of the Ages

(arr. Wise)

***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.

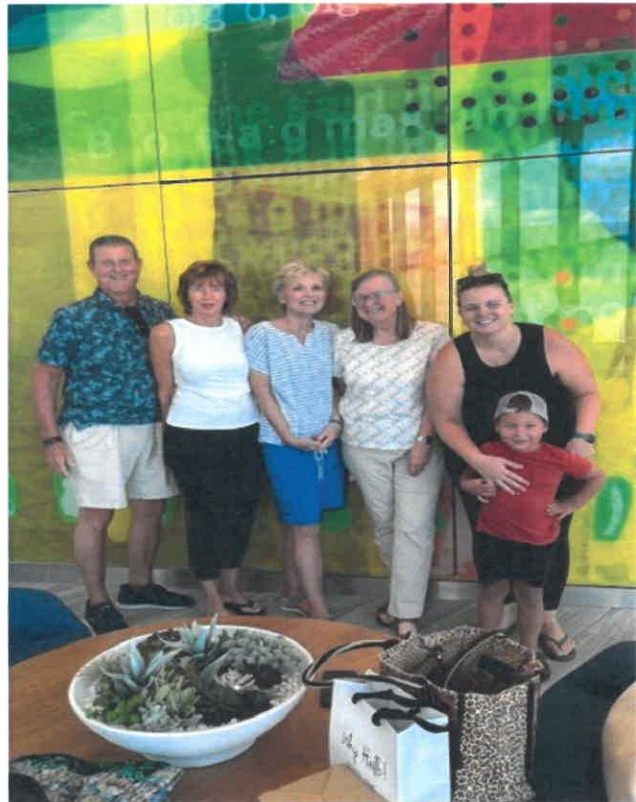
Scripture

Acts 18: 1-11

¹ After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴ Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks. ⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. ⁶ When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the gentiles.” ⁷ Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household, and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. ⁹ One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to

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 **86** in person; **253** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated Anonymously: In appreciation of friendships, old and new.

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.

Starting September 2nd—Community Prayer will start back in person in the Chapel at 9:00am every Wednesday.

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.



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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. 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 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 31

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

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

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

Thursday, September 3

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

Friday, September 4

No activities scheduled

Saturday, September 5

No activities scheduled

Sunday, September 6

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

September 6th

Title: Saying Goodbye

Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

September 13th

Title: The Whole World is His Possession

Scripture: Acts 23:12-24

September 20th

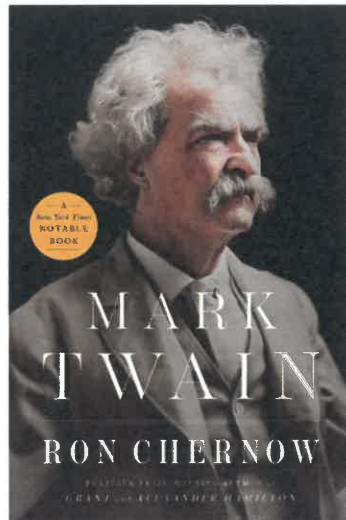
Title: Stuck in the Wrong Place

Scripture: Acts 24:24–27



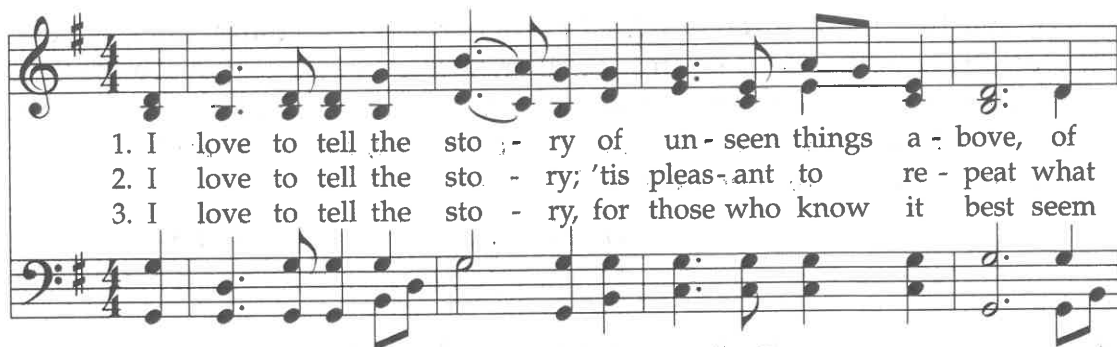
SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

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.

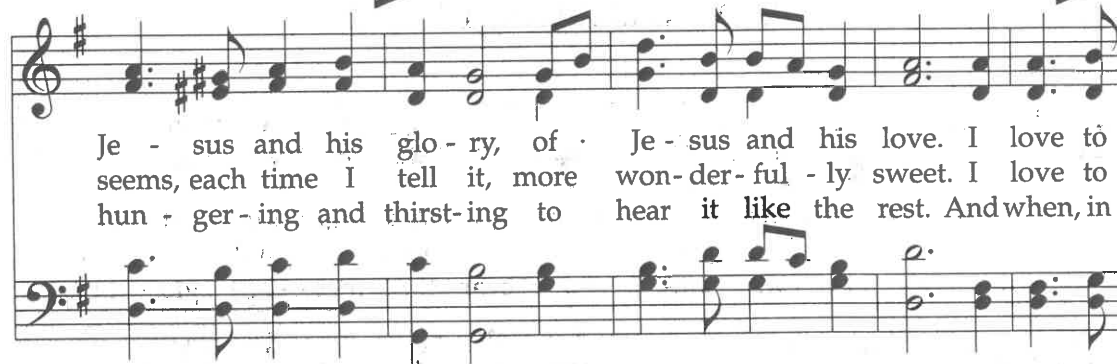


I Love to Tell the Story

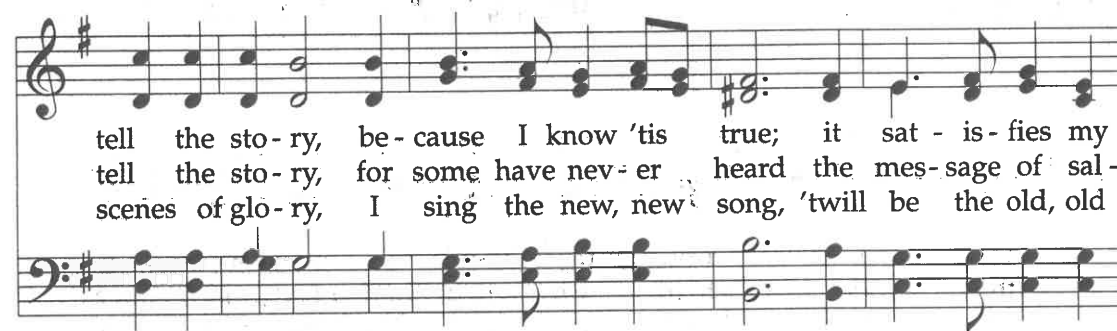
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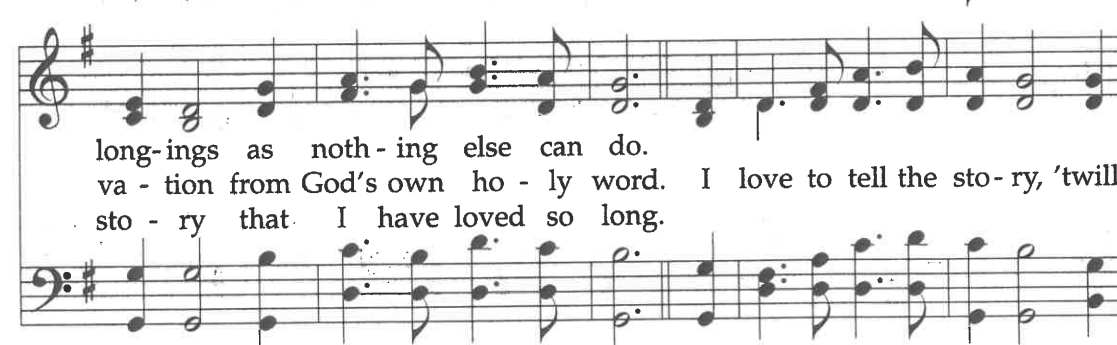
1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem



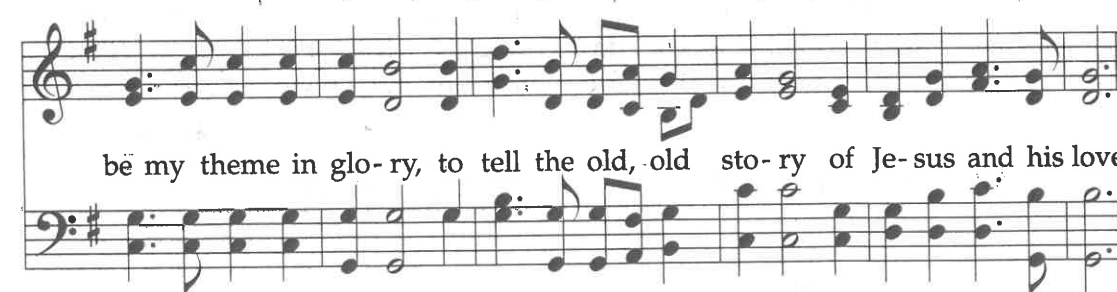
Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in



tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
 tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
 scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old



long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 va - tion from God's own ho - ly word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.



be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Unison

1. Bless now, O God, the jour-ney that all your peo-ple make,
 2. Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims who share this wind-ing way,
 3. Di - vine E - tēr-nal Lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si-lence; the way of give and take.
 whose hope burns through the ter-rors, whose love sus-tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom-ise where milk and hon-ey flow.

Harmony

The trail is found in des-ert and winds the moun-tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free-dom while of - ten we are bound.
 But wait-ing not for plac-es, you meet us all a - round.

Unison

then leads be-side still wa-ters, the road where faith is found.
 To - geth-er we are seek-ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ-ten on roads, as faith is found.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

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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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