

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*May 3, 2026*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

*Today we continue our journey through the book of Jonah as we turn to chapter 3—the moment when Jonah finally goes to Nineveh. After running from God’s call and praying from the depths, Jonah is given a second chance. This chapter is not only about obedience, but about the surprising scope of God’s mercy.*

*When Jonah delivers God’s message, the people of Nineveh—an unlikely and undeserving audience—respond with repentance. Even the king humbles himself, and the city turns toward God. It is a powerful reminder that God’s grace reaches farther than we expect and extends to people we might least imagine.*

*As C. S. Lewis once wrote, “There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” Jonah 3 invites us to consider that God is always at work ahead of us—preparing hearts, extending mercy, and calling us to join in what He is already doing.*

*But this chapter also turns the question toward us: Are we willing to participate in God’s mission, even when it stretches us? Do we believe that God’s mercy is truly for all?*

*Let us explore this story of second chances, unexpected repentance, and the wideness of God’s mercy.*

# Order of Worship

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Introit*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

#263

*Call to Worship*

*Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord our God-*

*People: For it is God who made us, and we are His.*

*Pastor: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.*

*People: We will enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.*

*Pastor: Give thanks to Him and bless His name.*

*All: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.*

*\*Hymn of Praise*

*To God Be the Glory*

#72

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)*

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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**

*How Great Thou Art*

(arr. Courtney)

**\*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**

**Scripture**

Jonah 3: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'<sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

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

**Anthem**

*Precious Name*

(arr. Martin)

## *Sermon*

*“A Second Chance”*

### *\*Words of Invitation*

#### *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.*

#### *Words of Institution*

#### *Intinction*

#### *Prayer After Communion*

### *\*The Apostle's 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.*

### *\*Closing Hymn*

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*#265*

#### *Charge and Benediction*

### *\*Closing Response*

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*#434*

### *\*Postlude*

*Music for today's worship includes:*

**Prelude:** Choral Song (Wesley), Grand Triumphal March (Guilmant), Peace in the Valley (arr. Shackley)

**Communion:** Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus (arr. Wood), Shall We Gather at the River? (arr. Wood), Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (Mendelssohn)

**Postlude:** For the Healing of the Nations (#668)

*Volunteers assisting with worship today:*

**Communion Table:** Rockee Coalson

**Communion Steward:** Scott & Diane Bronson, Terri Bunker, Donna Peterson, Pastor Steve and Jerrie Ellis, Jennifer McRae and Nancy Beegle will serve the choir.

**Refreshment Stewards:** Chris Nelson, Kim & Julie Dadlani

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

**Lector:** Jerrie Ellis

**Tellers:** Terri Meyers and Jerry Baldwin

**Ushers:** Bob & Jean Brabec

**Road Signs:** Bill Hickman and Ric Doerflinger

**"THANK YOU, CHOIR!!"**

Please recognize our dedicated members who served in the 2025-2026 Chancel Choir: Illa Alexander, Nancy Beegle, Sara Bruton, Rod Bulcher, Karin Chedister and Marty Teigen, Barbara Davis, Linda Smiley Dietsche and Bob Dietsche, Sarah Dobmeier, Julie and Dick Fraser, Curt Hage, Karen and Roger Hansen, Beth Hanzal, Linda Hickman, Wendy and Cliff Holly, Linda Humiston, Gloria Johnson, Steve Johnson, Connie Lewis, Bob Linden, Annie Maccani, Jennifer McRae, Tina and Jerry Minarik, Lauren Mooty, Sue Nelson, Bob Nyman, Wendy Patry, Julie and Hunter Peacock, Neil Peterson, Tina Polich, Linda Shaw, Nancy Sheppard, Tom Stegmann, Karen Stephens, Jeffrey Stevens, Van Voorhees, Jim Van Houten, Grace Vos, Jan Weinberger, Jill Wieland, Debby Wojtas and music director Tom Wojtas.

# 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 **266;155** joined online.

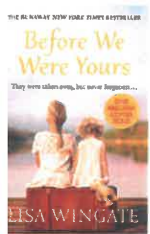
**Today's flowers were donated by: Linda and Norman Walen** in celebration of their wedding.

**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 again in the Fall.** Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at [lift5800@gmail.com](mailto:lift5800@gmail.com).



## SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Theme in Literature book discussion will be led by Winnie Leathers. The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month in the Library @ 10:00am. The book for **May** - Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. **Next meeting is May 14th.** All are welcome.

## MISSIONS



**Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am



**Pad Project Ministry:** Monday's at 1:00pm (will start again in the Fall)



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am

## 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. We are collecting supplies for Kindergarten backpacks:

- ♥ **24-pack Crayons**
- ♥ **Washable Markers**
- ♥ **No. 2 Pencils**
- ♥ **Blunt Tip Scissors**
- ♥ **Erasers**
- ♥ **Glue Sticks and Bottles**
- ♥ **Two-pocket Folders**
- ♥ **Spiral Notebooks.**



Our goal is to fill 50 backpacks.

Items can be left in the blue bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway. If you order anything from Amazon, please use the church address for delivery.

Thank you!



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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](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 interment of the ashes of loved ones.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Monday, May 4**

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

## **Tuesday, May 5**

11:00am Jane Ferring Funeral-St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

12:00pm Jane Ferring Memorial Reception (Founders Hall)

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

## **Wednesday, May 6**

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

## **Thursday, May 7**

No activities scheduled

## **Friday, May 8**

No activities scheduled

## **Saturday, May 9**

10:00am Ben Savino Funeral-St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

11:00am Ben Savino Memorial Reception (Founders Hall)

## **Sunday, May 10**

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

If you are leaving for the season, Safe Travels! Please stay connected by logging on to the church website to keep up with any new information. Also make sure that you sign up for our **You Tube Channel** so that you can continue to watch Pastor Steve's service online.

<https://www.youtube.com/@communitychurchoftheverdes>

Send us an email and let us know how you are doing once in awhile.

We always

love to hear from our church family!

Remember the website is your "Go To" for all of your questions and answers about the church. Please take advantage of this amazing site that was put together for your convenience.

**SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**



## To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -  
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

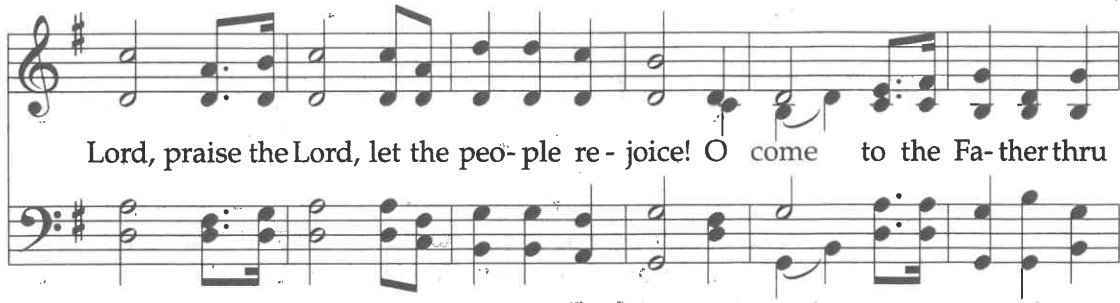
world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
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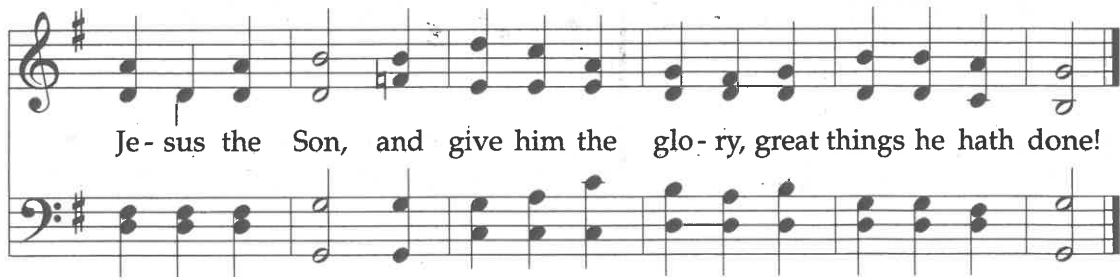
*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

GRACE AND LOVE



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo- ple re- joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru



Je- sus the Son, and give him the glo- ry, great things he hath done!

## 265 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels' love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove.

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.



### *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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