

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

August 17, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

*Here are working men
with hands that are calloused
not consecrated. They are used
to the burn of ropes,
sweat and smells
of fish, fraying nets
and the squinting worry
of work.*

*This time they
are the ones caught,
though they try to close
their eyes,
like fish, they are lidless
and they are seen.
Somehow they are known
by this stranger
who smells like blood
on wood.*

Joseph Ross

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship* (Doerksen)

**Call to Worship* (Adapted from the On Earth Peace website)

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ. "Come to me!
Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: **We come to this place, this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: **as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: **we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives,
whole peoples,

People: **we proclaim the God of Hope.**

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: **we proclaim the God of Love.**

Leader: Come, let us worship together

ALL: **and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.**

**Hymn of Praise* *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #622

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from Sam Hargreaves)

Jesus, we hear your challenge to Peter: "Put out into deep water and let down the nets for a catch." The challenges around us can feel like deep waters, stormy seas which cause us fear and despair. We hear Peter's response of faith to Jesus: "because you say so, I will let down the nets." Help us to respond to you with that obedience: in our uncertainty, give us the strength to trust you. When Peter sees the huge catch, he has a revelation: "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" Remind us of our own weakness and failures, give us humility and awe in the face of your glory. Help us hear Jesus' encouragement to Peter: "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." May our repentance turn to joy and our fear to trust, send us out in your power to live and work for you....

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

**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

In the Quiet Hour

(Lantz)

**Doxology*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Luke 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem *I Am Not Afraid* (Larson)

Sermon *"Be Not Afraid VI"*

Time of Reflection

***Closing Hymn** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* #602

***Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Response Amen*

(arr. Walker)

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (arr. Wood), Brother James' Air (Bain), All to Us (arr. McDonald)

Time of Reflection: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (arr. Hayes)

Postlude: Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (#342)

Quartet: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, Matthew Dodaro, Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Kathy and Alex Stamey

Fellowship: Jennifer McRae, Connie Lewis and Joan Reynolds

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Diane Spang, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Linda Dietsche

Tellers: Ina Spaeth and Judy Sevier

Ushers: Nancy & Ron Lowe

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 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 59; 252 joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Bob & Jean Brabec: In celebration of Pastor Cathy and thanking her for all of her services with us.

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 Cathy with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00 am in the library.

PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the library. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.
Meetings have concluded for the season.

Mission Drives: The Mission Committee is grateful to everyone who donated to our Monthly Mission Drives for various charities during the season. We will continue to collect food for the Extended Hands Food Bank and FHCMA Food Closet throughout the summer.

MISSIONS

-  **Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center:** The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.
-  **FHCMA Food Closet:** toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.
-  **Extended Hands Food Bank:** non-perishable food items.
-  **Pad Project Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*
-  **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** *will resume in the Fall.*

PASTOR TRANSITION

The Call Committee is pleased to announce that Pastor Steve Beard's first Sunday will be September 7. We invite the congregation to join us in welcoming him and his wife Julie during fellowship following the service. Opportunities for small groups to meet with Pastor Steve and Julie will be scheduled this fall. Announcements regarding dates/times to sign up for this will be made in the bulletin and through email. We are tentatively planning Installation of Pastor Steve during the November 9 church service. Thank you to everyone for your prayers during our search. God is good! He answered our prayers quickly and clearly!

Please continue to pray for a smooth transition.

PHOTO DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT

We now have 42% of the membership photos for the new directory! Thank you for participating. Our next goal is 50%. Join the fun travel photos, the warm smiles taken after church on Sunday or schedule a photo session after church or in your AZ home. Tami will be able to direct you via email or a call. Photos can be sent to Tami @ officemanager@verdefaith.org or can be uploaded directly through the link on our website under Membership, the "Time and Talent Survey".

FLOWER DONATIONS

We have a spot left for summer if you would like to donate flowers. The following date is available: **August 24th**. Please let Tami Burke, Office Manager, know if you would like to sign up for any of the available dates. You can stop by the office, email at officemanager@verdefaith.org or call 480-471-7239.

PASTOR CATHY'S NEW EMAIL

The pastor's new email after retirement will be cnret2025@gmail.com

All emails sent to her at church will be automatically forwarded to her, or you can simply use this email directly.

PASTOR CATHY CELEBRATION

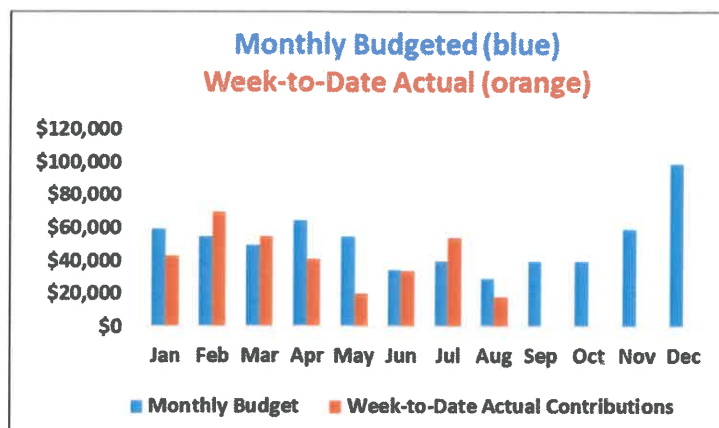
*The Community Church of the Verdes invites you to join us in celebrating Pastor Cathy Northrup's retirement on **Sunday, August 31st**. Service is at 8:30 a.m. and a special Fellowship time with a light breakfast will follow in Founders Hall. Please come and celebrate her 14 years as our Pastor!*



OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through August 10 were
\$339,336

YTD Budgeted contributions
through August 10 were
\$372,000



Thank you for your continuing support!

Please consider these other funds open to special giving in your estate planning...

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$355,820

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.

Memorial Garden Fund – current balance \$466,290

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. It is open to current and former members and residents of Rio and Tonto Verde.

Scholarship Fund – current balance \$10,142

The Scholarship Fund promotes scholarships among young people involved in institutions we support through Mission giving. Recipients are chosen from applicants who are demonstrating academic excellence, commitment, and service in or to one of the following non-profit institutions or community: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), NPH (formerly Friends of the Orphans), Sunshine Acres. The Scholarship Fund's sole support is contributions from our members. Donors cannot be related to recipients.

Did you know?... If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift from your IRA to support the church. It will not add to your federal taxable income; It counts toward your required minimum distribution, and allows you to experience a tax benefit, even if you do not itemize deductions. You should discuss any such gifts, before making them, with your financial advisor.

The church is very appreciative of gifts from trusts, foundations, and stocks. Occasionally, these gifts are received with no indication of who the donor is. So that we may properly recognize and record the gift, we ask that you either notify the church office or have your financial representative document the donor {and intent} when it is sent to us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 18

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 19

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, August 20

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, August 21

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 22

No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 23

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 24

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

2025-2026

Schedule of Events

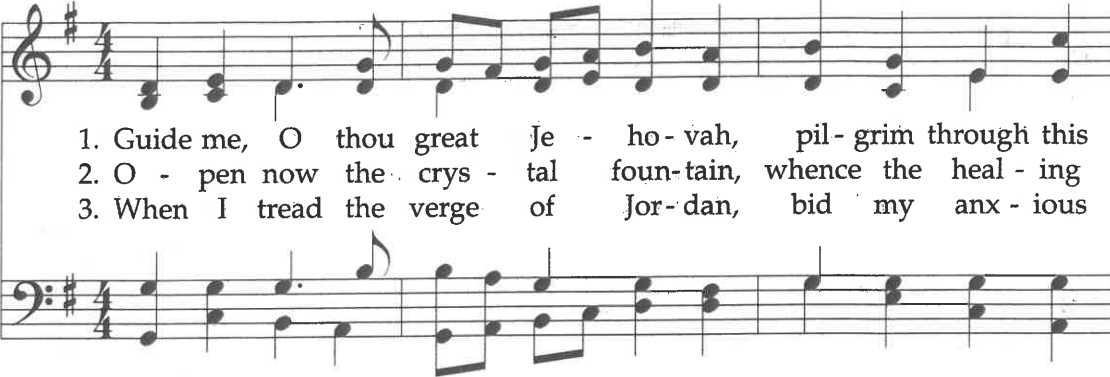


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| Nov. 17 | 4 pm | Speaker - Mike Bussey |
| Nov. 17 | 5 pm | Annual Fall Dinner |
| Jan. 16 | 7 pm | Concert - Scott Keo Big Band Show <i>(Michael Bublé Tribute Artist)</i> |
| Jan. 26 | 4 pm | Speaker - Steve Swensen, MD |
| Jan. 31 | 9 am | Men's Retreat—Speaker Pastor Joel Johnson |
| Feb. 2 | 4 pm | Speaker - Kim Humphrey |
| Feb. 20 | 7pm | Concert—Yachtzilla <i>(Hits from the 60's & 70's)</i> |
| Feb. 23 | 4 pm | Speaker—Babs Plunkett |
| Mar. 8 | 4 pm | Speaker - Amy Hazel |
| Mar. 13 | 7 pm | Concert - Crystal Starks <i>(Celebrating Legendary Women Artists)</i> |
| Mar. 16 | 4 pm | Speaker - Kerry Sanders |

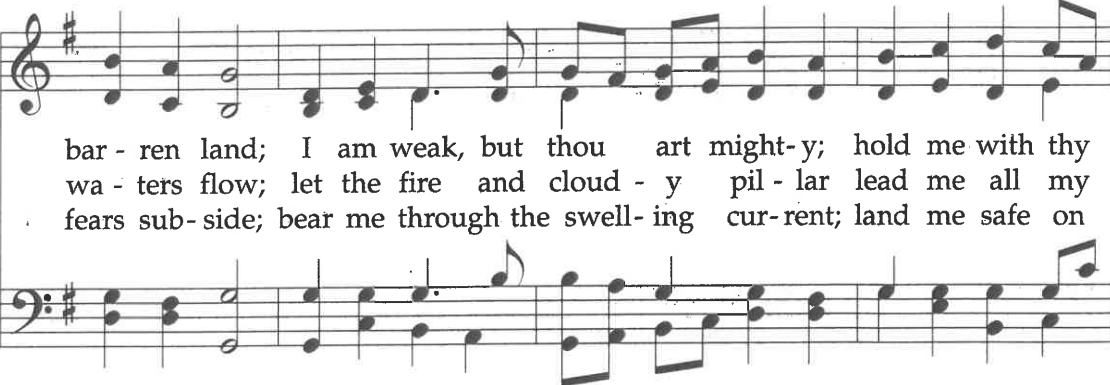
***All Events are in the Sanctuary**

****Lectures are free**

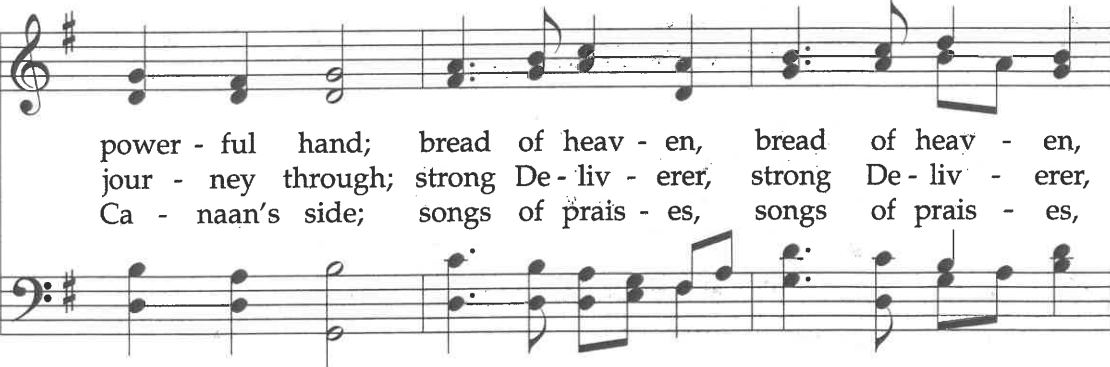
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 622



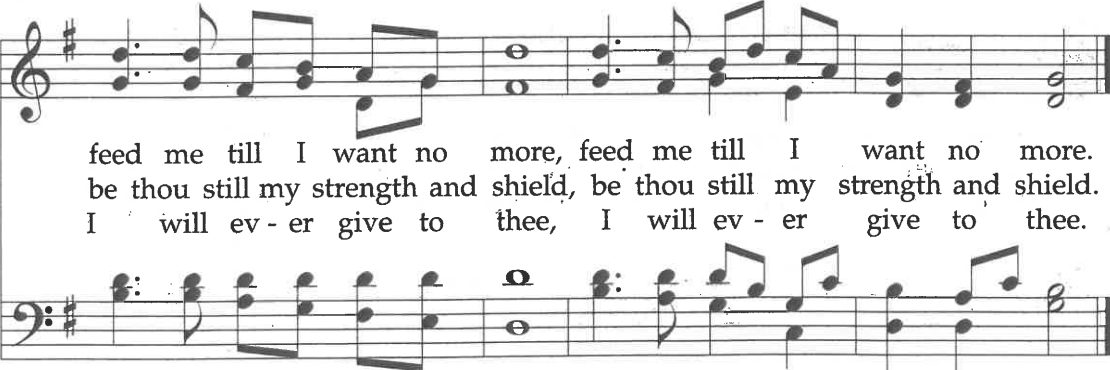
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent; land me safe on

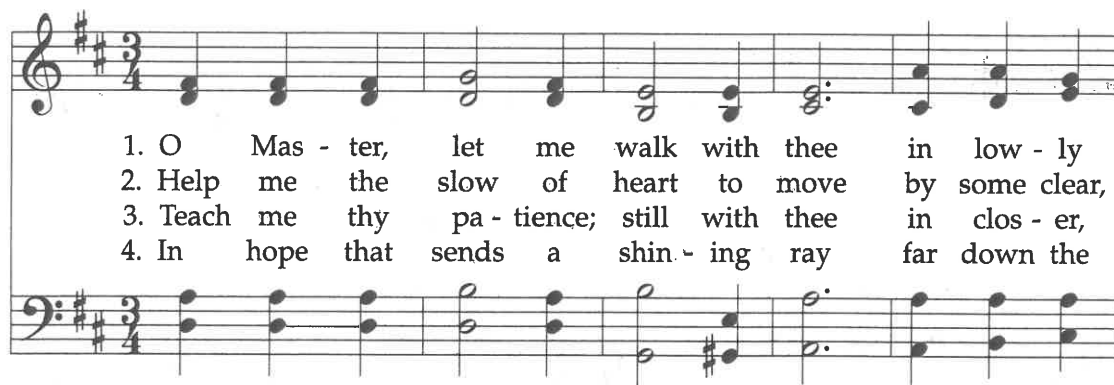


power - ful hand; bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

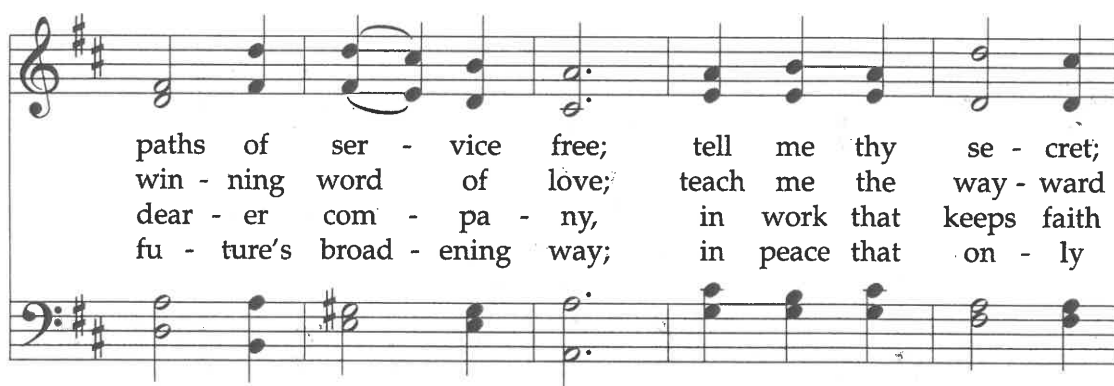


feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

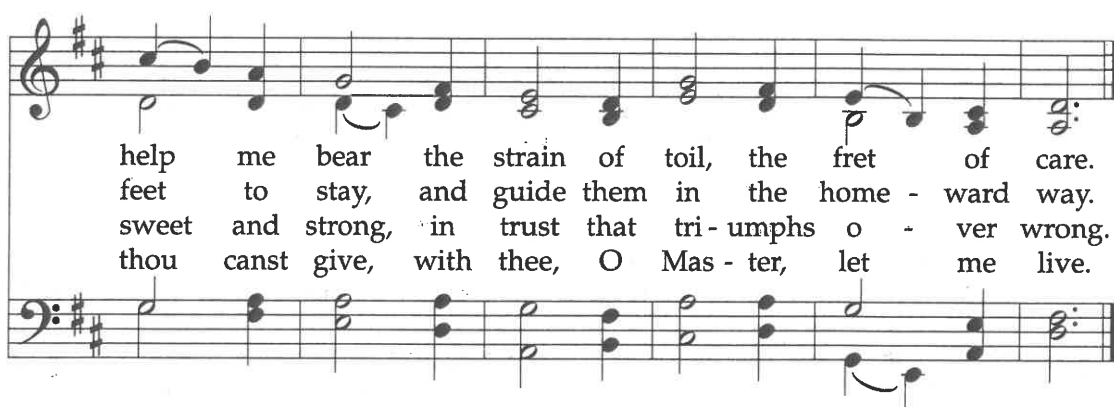
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 602



1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way; in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

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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 Ghost, 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 quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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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