

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

August 3, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

"Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision."

Winston Churchill

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Spirit of Comfort

(Nolan)

**Call to Worship*

(Adapted from Ministry Matters)

Leader: Discipleship is never easy.

*People: **People don't understand when you say you want to serve the Lord.***

Leader: They think you are peculiar, and they are fearful.

*People: **But the Lord is with us, giving us courage and strength.***

Leader: There is much work that needs to be done, and we cannot be slowed down by those who don't understand or are fearful of serving the Lord.

ALL: Come, Lord, inspire us with your power and presence. Be with us as we prepare to be your disciples!

**Hymn of Praise*

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from Chip Hardwick)

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things. Other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace....

Silent Confession

**Please stand as you are able*

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.

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 *Blessed Assurance* (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 *Matthew 10:26-31*

²⁶ "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

(arr. Evans)

Sermon

"Do Not Be Afraid III"

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Leader: Let us open our hearts to God.

People: We open them to God and to one another.

Leader: Give thanks to God.

People: All our thanks, all our praise!

*Leader: O God who changed chaos into creation...Holy God, Holy Three,
we thank you!*

*People: Holy, Holy! God of majesty and love,
Creation sings in your glory, O God Most High.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!*

Leader: To a fearful world...We pray for a fearful world.

People: Christ, come and comfort!

Christ, come and redeem!

Christ, come and create a new world!

*Leader: Powerful and Peaceful God...Through Christ, with Christ and in
Christ, One with the Holy Spirit, All glory is yours everywhere, now
and forever.*

ALL: Amen.

Words of Institution

Intinction

Litany After Communion

(Adapted from the Reformed Church in America)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and do not forget all his benefits
Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: who heals all your diseases,
Leader: who redeems your life from the Pit,
People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding steadfast love.
Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.
Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
Leader: as far as the east is from the west,
People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,
People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,
Leader: who did not spare his own Son,
People: but gave him up for us all,
Leader: and will also give us all things with him.
ALL: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen

**Closing Hymn*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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**Charge and Benediction*

**Closing Response*

Fourfold Amen

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: Saints Bound for Heaven (arr. Scott), The Lost Chord (Sullivan), Shout to the Lord (Zschech)

Communion: O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High (arr. Johnson), I Am the Bread of Life (Talbot), In Remembrance of Me (Red)

Postlude: Great Is the Lord (M.W. Smith)

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Stewards: Barb Rago and Charla Smith

Communion Table: Kathy and Alex Stamey

Fellowship: Lita Hitchcock, Spencer Butts and Margy Lee

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

Lector: Tricia Wolber

Tellers: Jan Stegmann and Judy Dorwart

Ushers: Joan Reynolds and Jennifer McRae



MISSIONS

Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center: 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: meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm.

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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

“Do Not Be Afraid” Series

August 10th, 17th & 31st—Pastor Cathy Northrup

August 24th—Guest Minister David Hogg, President of Phoenix Seminary

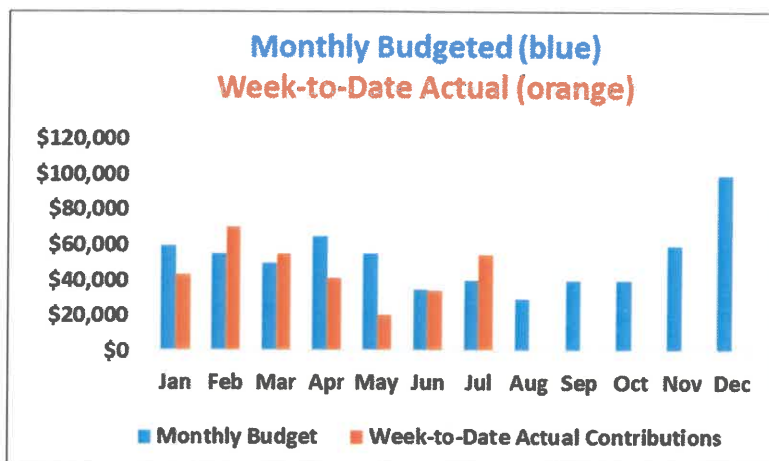
CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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.

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through July 27 were
\$320,846

YTD Budgeted contributions
through July 27 were
\$360,000



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 \$10,143

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 may not 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.

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 **83**; **189** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Cathy & Michael Northrup: In honor of the church staff.

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.

SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE

Pastor Cathy will hold her last monthly book discussion at 10:30 am in the library **Aug. 13: The Women** by Kristin Hannah. Hope you will be able to join her.

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 at officemanager@verdefaith.org or can be uploaded directly through the link on our website under Membership, then "Time and Talent Survey".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A Volunteer is needed next week **August 10th and August 24th** for a **Teller**. We need volunteers for **August 10th** for **Fellowship**. Please contact Tami Burke at the office if you are able to help out. officemanager@verdefaith.org or 480-471-7239

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, August 4

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, August 5

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, August 6

4:00pm Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday , August 7

No activities scheduled

Friday, August 8

No activities scheduled

Saturday, August 10

No activities scheduled

Sunday, August 11

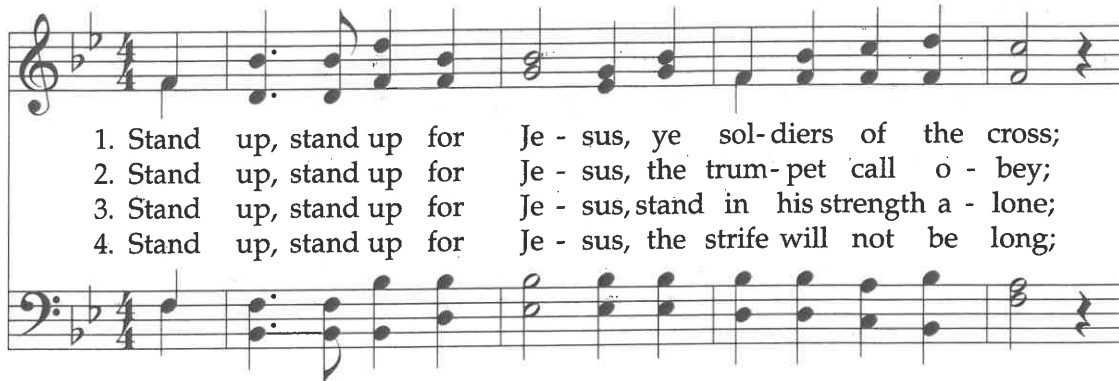
8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

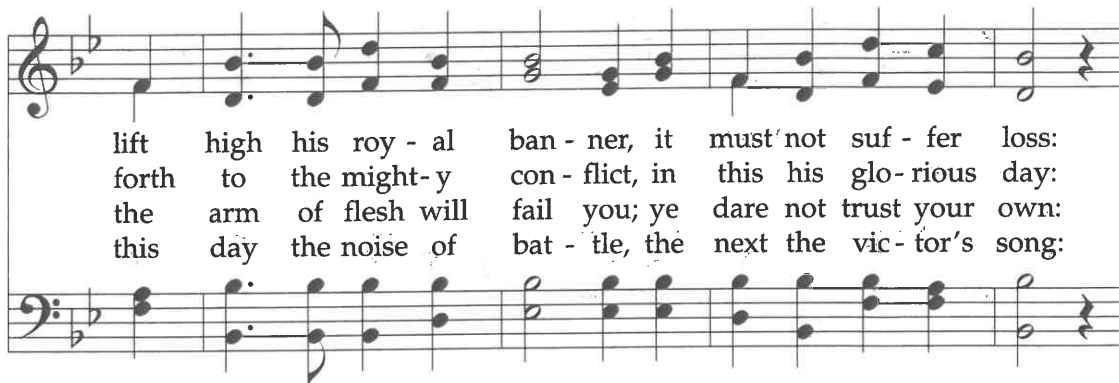
10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

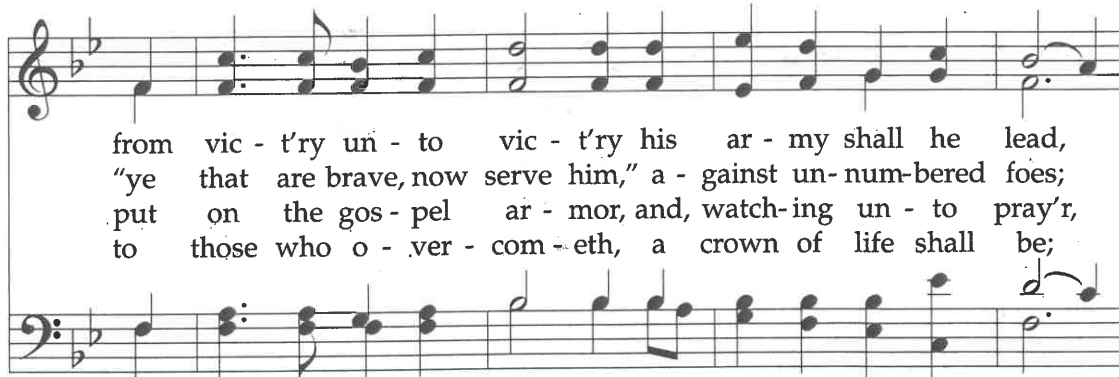
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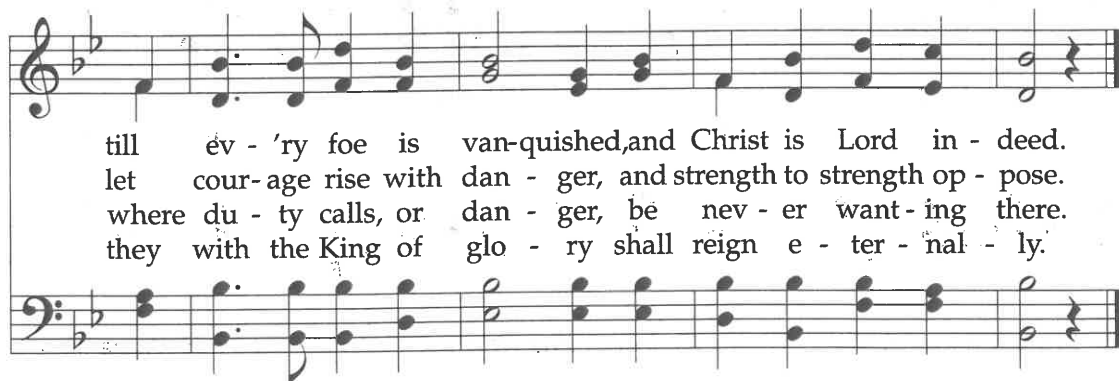
1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol-diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum-pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must' not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might-y con - flict, in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:



from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my shall he lead,
 "ye that are brave, now serve him," a - gainst un-num-bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, and, watch-ing un - to pray'r,
 to those who o - ver - com-eth, a crown of life shall be;




till ev - 'ry foe is van-quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour-age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

WORDS: George Duffield, 1858
 MUSIC: George J. Webb, 1837



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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

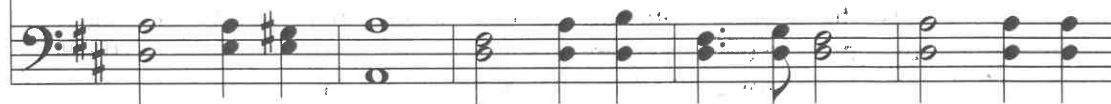

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1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a - way; oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.



WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1831, alt.
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1832

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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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