

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

May 24, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Today we celebrate Pentecost through Acts 2:1–13, the dramatic and world-changing moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the early church. Our message, “The Fullness of the Spirit,” will reflect on how God empowered ordinary disciples with extraordinary courage, joy, and purpose as the church was born in power and praise.

Together we will explore the Spirit’s threefold manifestation at Pentecost. First came the sound of a mighty rushing wind, reminding us of the breath and life of God moving freely and powerfully among His people. Then appeared tongues of fire, a sign of God’s holy presence, purifying power, and burning passion for His mission in the world. Finally came the miracle of languages, as people from many nations heard the good news in their own tongue — a powerful picture of the gospel crossing every barrier and reaching all peoples.

Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not simply an idea or doctrine, but the living presence of God empowering His church for worship, witness, unity, and mission. Join us as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and consider what it means to live as Spirit-filled people in our own time.

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 Fall on Us (McDonald)

**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 2: 1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from

Pastor Steve's upcoming Sermons

May 31st

Title: A Two-Legged Gospel

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

June 7th

Title: Holy Boldness

Scripture: Acts 4:1-14

June 14th

Title: One Heart, One Mind

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37

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 or wherever your summer away takes you.

Send pictures to Tami Burke at officemanager@verdefaith.org



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 **151**; **152** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Donna Angiolillo in honor of the graduation of our granddaughters May River and Kai Lani Elle. We are so proud of you!

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: 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am

Community Prayer – Summer Schedule

During the summer months, our Community Prayer service will be held on Wednesdays only at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

If you are away and would like to receive the prayer liturgy by email, please contact Pastor Steve at sbeard@verdefaith.org.



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: donnaangiolillo@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

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. 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 25

OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

Thursday, May 28

No activities scheduled

Friday, May 29

No activities scheduled

Saturday, May 30

No activities scheduled

Sunday, May 31

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

SUMMER HOURS STARTING JUNE 1ST

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

FRIDAYS: CLOSED



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. Thank you for your overwhelming response to our Kindergarten Backpack supply drive.

Through your generosity, we have collected enough supplies to fill **75 Kindergarten Backpacks!**

But we still need:

Large Pencil Cases (boxes or zipper style)

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.

WANT TO HELP PACK THE BACKPACKS?

Join us on **Monday, June 1st in Founders' Hall at 2 pm**. If you are coming, please notify Nancy Lowe at 203-395-9872 or ntart94@gmail.com



545 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heaven-ly com- fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; by wa - ters still, o'er
 by thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis thy hand that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me:

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME
 LM w. refrain

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On Pentecost They Gathered

Descant

4. O Spir - it, sent from heav-en on that day long a - go,

1. On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,
 2. The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed
 3. God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,
 4. O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,

re - kin-dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un-der-stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom-en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin-dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

Give ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
 What u - ni-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir-it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847;
desc. O. I. Cricket Harrison, 1994MUNICH
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PENTECOST

so ev - ery na - tion glad songs shall raise.

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.

The image shows a musical score for Pentecost. It consists of three staves: a vocal line at the top, a piano accompaniment line in the middle, and a bass line at the bottom. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line and are split across three lines. The first line of lyrics is 'so ev - ery na - tion glad songs shall raise.' The second line is 'and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.' The third line is 'That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.' The fourth line is 'The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.' The fifth line is 'so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.'



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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