

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

June 7, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Before His ascension, Jesus gave His followers a promise: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8). At Pentecost, that promise was fulfilled. The Spirit descended upon the disciples, transforming a fearful and uncertain group into courageous witnesses for Christ.

In Acts 4, we see the results of that transformation. Peter and John, once frightened enough to flee and hide after Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, now stand before the very authorities who possess the power to imprison and punish them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly proclaims that salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone. Fear no longer controls him.

This week's message explores what it means to live with holy boldness. The presence of the Holy Spirit does not guarantee an easy life or the absence of opposition. Instead, the Spirit gives believers the courage to trust God, speak the truth, and remain faithful even when faithfulness comes at a cost. As we continue our journey through Acts, we will discover that one of the clearest signs of a Spirit-filled life is not extraordinary gifts or dramatic experiences, but a growing freedom from fear and a growing confidence in Christ.

Today, we learn how the same Spirit who empowered the early church continues to empower God's people today. The promise of Acts 1:8 was not only for the first disciples-it is for us as well. Through the Holy Spirit, God still grants His people the power to live and witness with hold boldness.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather this morning as people who have wandered and wondered, who have doubted and hoped.

People: We come as we are, trusting that God receives us.

Pastor: The Spirit that hovered over the waters still moves among us. The God who called creation good calls us together now.

People: We open our hearts to hear, to be changed, and to worship.

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Hymn of Praise*

My Hope Is Built

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have chosen comfort over courage, and silence over truth. We have held onto what we were meant to release, and withheld what we were meant to give. Forgive us, and by your Spirit, turn us again toward you and toward one another. We trust in your mercy, which is new every morning. 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

All to Us

(arr. 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*

Scripture

Acts 4: 1-12

¹ While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, ² much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. ³ So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who heard the word believed, and they numbered about five thousand. ⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone. ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Altar of Grace

(arr. Mauldin)

Sermon

"Holy Boldness"

**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*

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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Charge and Benediction

**Closing Response*

Fourfold Amen

**Postlude*

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: How Firm a Foundation (arr. Parks), Nearer, My God, to Thee (Mason), Lift High the Lord, Our Banner *with* Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (arr. Hayes)

Communion: Be Thou My Vision (arr. Wood), One Bread, One Body (Foley), We Come as Guests Invited (Steurlein)

Postlude: God Be with You (#435)

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens and Sara Bruton

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch

Communion Steward: Julie & Kim Dadlani, Deb Barth, and Pastor Steve

Refreshment Stewards: Ann Bence, Sue Cole and Mike Perry

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Deb Barth

Tellers: Marilyn Perry and Ina Spaeth

Ushers: Jody & Fred Anschutz

Road Signs: Bill Hickman and Ric Doerflinger

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:
donna.angiolillo@gmail.com

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 **147;142** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by: Kathie Sankey: in memory of her mom, Trudie Higgs.

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.

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.

FLOWER DONATIONS...

If you would like to donate flowers over the summer for the altar, please call, stop by, or email the office at: officemanager@verdefaith.org

We have several dates open:

June 21st

July 5th

July 19th

August 9th

August 16th

August 23rd

August 30th



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.

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 at Sundays service. We want to stay connected and share your joy! Send us a picture on the lake, on a cruise, on the beach, spending time with family, wherever your summer away takes you.

Send pictures to Tami Burke at officemanager@verdefaith.org



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 internment of the ashes of loved ones.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, June 8

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, June 9

6:00am Resealing/Paving Parking lot (no parking onsite permitted)

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

Wednesday, June 10

6:00am Resealing/Paving Parking lot (no parking onsite permitted)

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve

Thursday, June 11

6:00am Resealing/Paving Parking lot (no parking onsite permitted)

Friday, June 12

No activities scheduled

Saturday, June 13

9:00am—Marna Pier Funeral St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 14

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

SUMMER HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

FRIDAYS: CLOSED



THANKFUL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Many hands make light work! The Holy Spirit was surely moving through us on Monday!

Thank you to all who had the opportunity to pitch in to help fill the backpacks for Christian Family Care.

It will be a privilege to deliver them as a testament to the generosity of our church. They will be a welcome gift to some well deserving children.

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My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

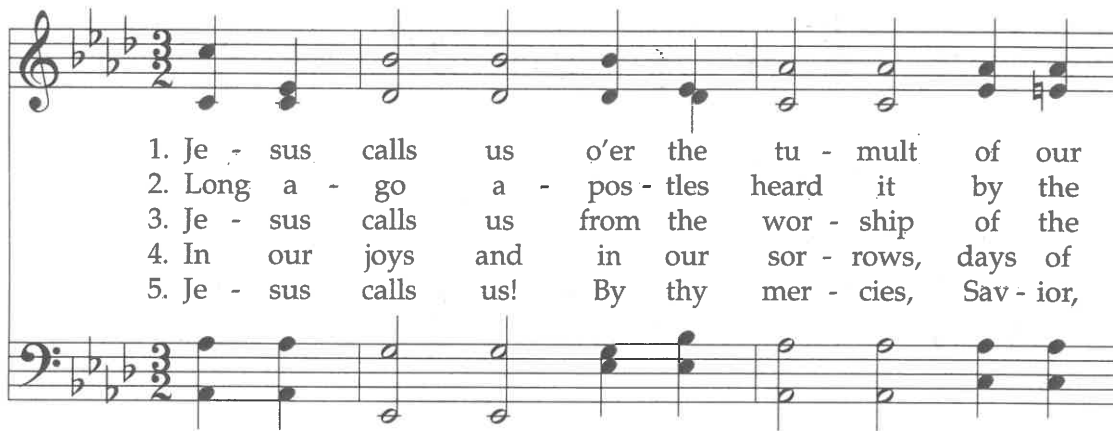
On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

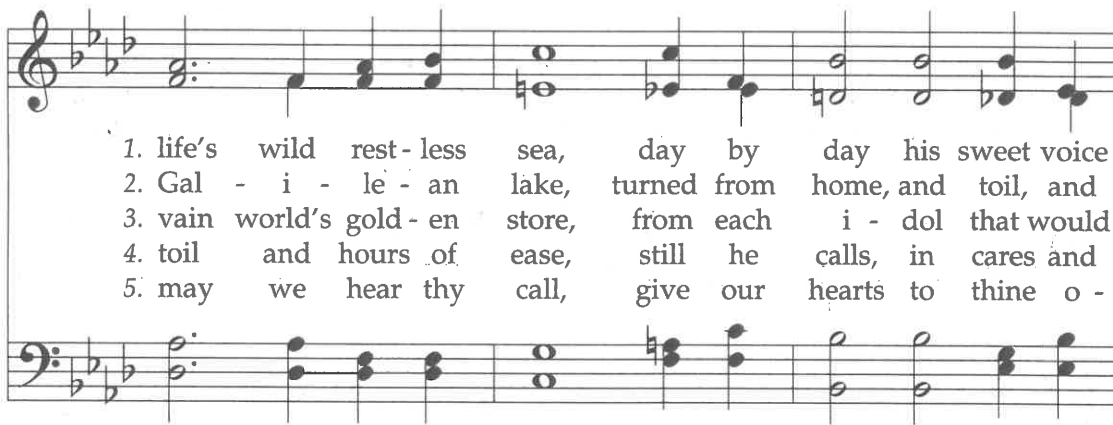
WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM w. refrain

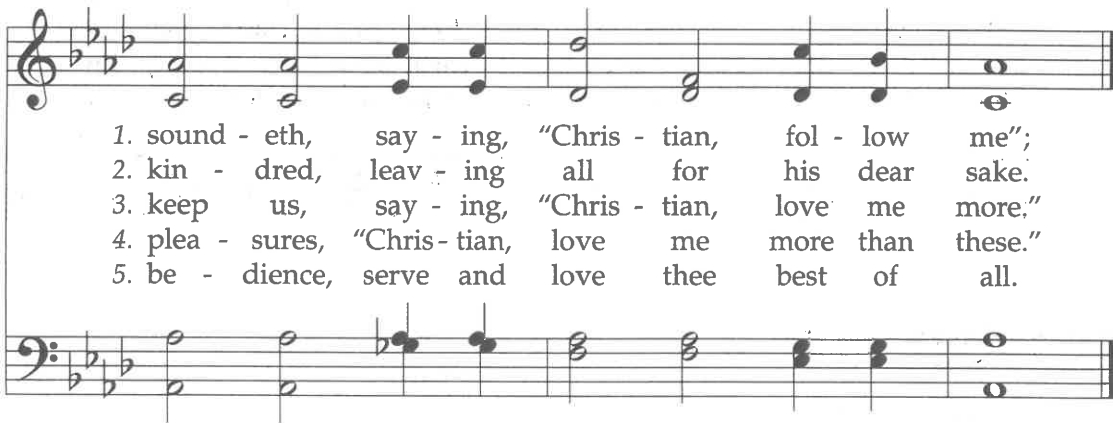
337 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. Long a - go a - pos - tles heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



1. life's wild rest - less sea, day by day his sweet voice
 2. Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home, and toil, and
 3. vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 4. toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 5. may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -



1. sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me";
 2. kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3. keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4. plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 5. be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852
 MUSIC: William H. Jude, 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

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Amen.*

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