

# COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

*July 19, 2026*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Time for Centering*

### *The Church Alive: The Church God Was Creating Acts 11:19-26*

*In Acts 1:8, Jesus gave his disciples a vision for the church's mission: "You will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

*"Throughout our journey through Acts, we have seen the Holy Spirit bring that promise to life-empowering ordinary people to share the good news of Jesus in places they never expected to go.*

*In Acts 11, the gospel reaches a new crossroads in the city of Antioch. Scattered by persecution, believers carried the message of Christ beyond Jerusalem, and the Spirit used their witness to bring many Gentiles to faith. What began as a crisis became an opportunity for God's grace to expand the church.*

*When Barnabas arrives in Antioch, he does not see a problem— he sees the grace of God at work. His encouragement helps a diverse group of believers grow together as one new family in Christ. Here, for the first time, followers of Jesus are called "Christians".*

*This morning, we will reflect on a church that crossed boundaries, welcomed outsiders, and discovered a new identity centered on Jesus. Acts 11 reminds us that the church is most alive when it recognizes where God is already working, embraces those Christ is calling, and continues carrying the gospel "to the ends of the earth".*

# Order of Worship

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome & Announcements*

## *Introit*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**#263**

## *Call to Worship*

**Pastor:** *Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you peoples.*

**People:** ***For great is His steadfast love toward us, and His faithfulness endures forever.***

**Pastor:** *The grace of God is at work among His people, calling women and men from every nation into one family.*

**People:** ***We rejoice in what God has done and open our hearts to what He is doing still.***

**Pastor:** *Let us worship the God who is making all things new through Jesus Christ.*

**People:** ***We come with gladness, ready to hear His Word and follow His Spirit. Amen.***

## *\*Hymn of Praise*

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**#494**

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)*

*Merciful God, You are always at work in ways that surprise us, yet we confess that we often resist what we do not expect or understand. Like those who questioned Peter, we can cling to our assumptions instead of trusting Your Spirit. We prefer what is familiar over the new work You are doing among us. Forgive us for the ways we limit Your grace, judge others too quickly, or fail to welcome those whom You are calling. Give us humble hearts that are eager to listen, willing to learn, and ready to celebrate wherever Christ is at work. Amen.*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## *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.*

### *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*

*This Little Light of Mine*

(arr. Helvey)

#### *\*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 11:19-26

<sup>19</sup> Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup> But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup> News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup> When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion, <sup>24</sup> for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And

## Road Signs: Bill Hickman, Ric Doerflinger, Tom Young

## 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, relaxing at home or wherever your summer away takes you. Send pictures to Tami Burke at [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org) The pictures that have been sent in so far are wonderful! Hope that all of you are enjoying them as much as we are. Keep them coming!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome members and guests!** 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 **80**; **159** joined online.

**Today's flowers were donated by Barbara and Michael Davis:** In honor of their seven wonderful grandchildren.

**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](mailto:lift5800@gmail.com).



We are in need of volunteers for **Tellers and Fellowship this Summer**. It would be so much appreciated if you were able to help out on a Sunday in the next couple of weeks. (July thru August) Please sign up in Founders Hall on the clipboard, call the administrative office at 480-471-7239 or email Tami at [officemanager@verdefaith.org](mailto:officemanager@verdefaith.org) if you are able to help out.



## 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.

## Community Prayer – Summer Schedule

During the summer months of July and August, our Community Prayer service will be held online via Microsoft TEAMS. Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to be included, please contact Pastor Steve at [sbeard@verdefaith.org](mailto:sbeard@verdefaith.org). for an email invite to join online. It's easy and you are able to participate anywhere you have internet access, phone or computer.

## 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](mailto:donna.angiolillo@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, July 20

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

### Tuesday, July 21

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

### Wednesday, July 22

9:00am Community Prayer w/ Pastor Steve (online)

11:00am Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve (Founders Hall)

### Thursday, July 23

No activities scheduled

### Friday, July 24

No activities scheduled

### Saturday, July 25

No activities scheduled

### Sunday, July 26

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00 St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

## 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 is now available. See attached.

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 internment of the ashes of loved ones.

# COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE VERDES

## Treasurer's Mid-Year Financial Report

*June 2026*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We thank God for His continued faithfulness and for the generous support of our church family. Through June 2026, the church generated a net surplus of \$69,100, with total revenue of \$473,500, exceeding budget by \$93,400. Increased generosity from existing members and new donors, together with disciplined expense management, has positioned the church well to support both current ministry and future needs.

### THANK YOU !!!

We are grateful for your faithful generosity and God's continued provision. Because of your support, Community Church of the Verdes continues to operate from a position of financial strength.

We are especially encouraged by the continued growth in worship attendance, which is beginning to translate into new memberships and increased financial support. After three years of relatively flat contributions, we are now seeing a meaningful and encouraging reversal of that trend.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

| Category              | Summary                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Revenue               | Total Revenue: \$473,500 (ahead of budget by \$93,400, primarily from contributions)                                                            |
| Giving                | More than 60% of the increase came from higher giving by existing members and new donors. The remainder is primarily due to timing of receipts. |
| Expenses              | Total Expenses: \$404,400. Overall spending remains in line with the approved budget.                                                           |
| Net Operating Results | Net Surplus: \$69,100                                                                                                                           |
| Balance Sheet         | Healthy financial position with strong cash reserves.                                                                                           |

### CAPITAL PROJECTS - Funded from Capital Reserve Fund (approved by the Board)

We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who are involved with these capital projects:

- **Parking Lot Improvements:** The Facilities team coordinated this project and approximately \$29,000 was invested to repair asphalt cracks, apply two seal coats, and refresh parking lot striping and curbs.
- **Audio/Visual Upgrade:** The Technology Team, with a budget of \$154,000, is leading a critically important project for a comprehensive audio/visual system overhaul. This project is planned to start in late July.
- **Facility Reserve Study:** The Finance Team has engaged an independent facility reserve specialist to evaluate long-term capital needs. The recommendations will be presented at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Overall, the financial health of Community Church of the Verdes remains strong. This enables our church to carry out its mission, care of facilities, support local and regional outreach, and invest in the future ministry opportunities. Together, we look forward with gratitude and anticipation to what God has in store for our church family.

For comments, suggestions or questions, please contact Kim Dadlani, Treasurer, at [Kim.g.dadlani@gmail.com](mailto:Kim.g.dadlani@gmail.com)

## **SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE**

The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (starting **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.

## **COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE VERDES**

### **Adult Education Series**

Wednesday's @ 11:00 in Founders Hall

### **Tim Keller – What We Believe: Foundations**

**July 22** — I Believe (Acts 17:16–34)

**July 29** — God (Exodus 3:1–14)

**August 5** — Sin (Genesis 2:16–17; 3:1–9)

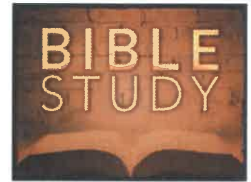
**August 12** — Incarnation (Philippians 2:1–11) No In-Person Study

**August 19** — Salvation (Ephesians 1:3–10)

**August 26** — The Holy Spirit (John 14:15–26)

**September 2** — The Church (Ephesians 2:11–22)

**September 9** — The End of History (Revelation 21:1–6; 22:1–5)



## **THANK YOU FLOWER COMMITTEE!!!**

I just want to recognize the Flower Committee. Their efforts every week providing the most beautiful flower arrangements are so much appreciated! The time, thought and care that go into each individuals arrangement is wonderful! **Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, and Linda Paulos**, thank you so much for making our church look amazing every week!

# 494 They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em

*Unison* Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain* C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S  
 76.76.86 w. refrain

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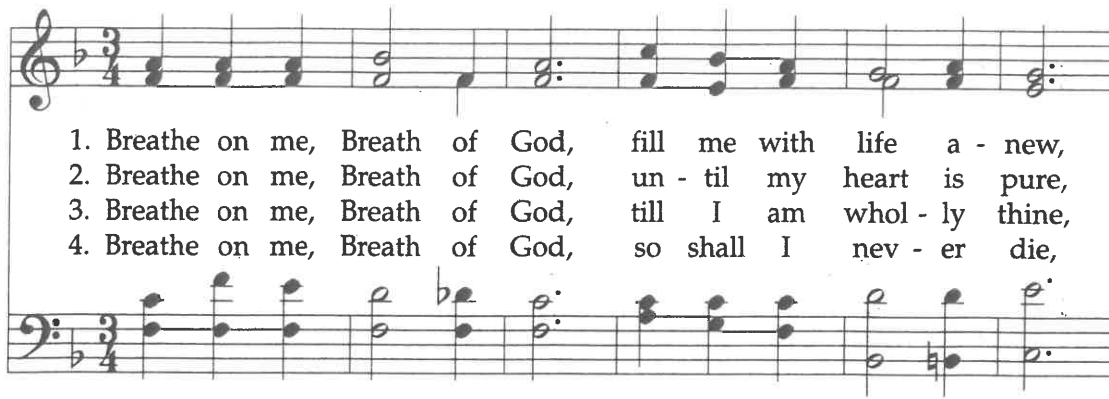
Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

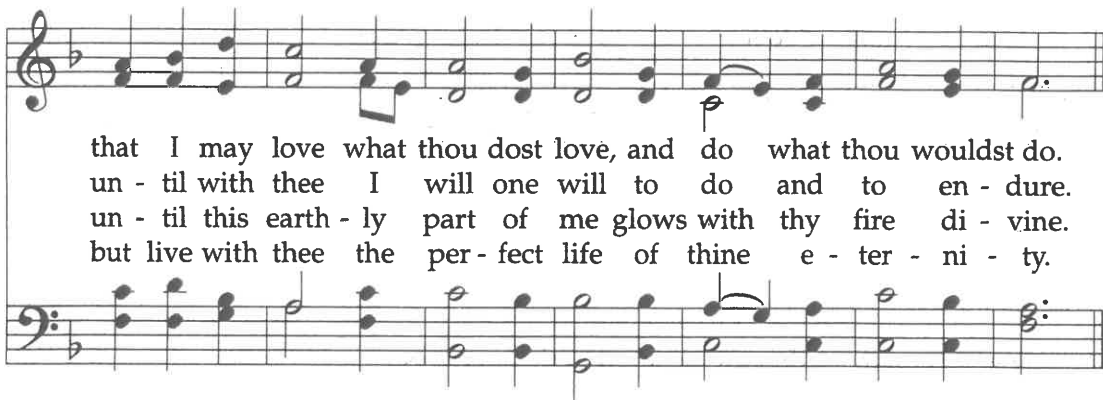
The musical score is written for a song in E minor, indicated by three flats in the key signature. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The vocal line has a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with a final measure containing a half note and a whole note. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.  
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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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 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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