

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

September 13, 2026



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

The Whole World is His Possession - Acts 23:12-24

"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'" - Abraham Kuyper

We often imagine that God accomplishes his purposes through obviously faithful people and clearly "spiritual" circumstances. But in Acts 23, God protects Paul through an unlikely collection of people—a group of conspirators, a young man who overhears their plot, a Roman commander, and a detachment of soldiers. Not everyone involved knows God, shares Paul's faith, or even understands the larger purpose they are serving. And yet God is at work through them all.

*This is one of the beautiful realities of **common grace**: God gives gifts, wisdom, courage, justice, and even moments of goodness to all kinds of people. His work is not confined to the church or to what we usually label "sacred". As we see God working through unexpected people in Acts 23, we are reminded to be careful about the dividing lines we sometimes draw between sacred and secular. God is Lord of all, and he is able to use anyone and anything to accomplish his purposes.*

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come and Find the Quiet Center

#575

Call to Worship

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: The world and all who live in it belong to him.

Pastor: God is at work in ways we see and in ways we do not see.

People: His purposes cannot be thwarted, and his wisdom is beyond our understanding.

Pastor: Let us come before the Lord, who is sovereign over every person, every place, and every circumstance.

People: We come to worship the God who is at work in all things.

Pastor: Let us worship God together.

People: With grateful hearts, we give glory to the Lord of all.

**Hymn of Praise*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Thomas a Kempis

God of mercy, I offer to You all the sins I have committed from the moment I could first offend You. Consume them, one and all, in the fire of Your love, and burn away their stains. I also offer to You all that is good within me, through it is small and imperfect, that the good may become more perfect, and that I may be of use to Your coming kingdom. Amen.

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

Acts 23: 12-24

¹² In the morning the Jews joined in a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³ There were more than forty who joined in this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now then, you and the council must notify the tribune to bring him down to you, on the pretext that you want to make a more thorough examination of his case. And we are ready to do away with him before he arrives." ¹⁶ Now the son of Paul's sister heard about the ambush, so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷ Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to report to him." ¹⁸ So he took him, brought him to the tribune, and said, "The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young

Trio: Debby Wojtas, Sara Bruton, and Jeffrey Stevens

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Diane Spang

Refreshment Stewards: Barbara Reisinger and Jean Hurt

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos, Lily Ann Bence

Lector: Deb Barth

Tellers: Ina Spaeth and Judy Sevier

Ushers: Tom & Lisa Young

Road Signs: Bill Hickman, Ric Doerflinger, Tom Young

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 **101** in person; **187** joined online.

Today's flowers were donated by Kathie Sankey in loving memory of her dad Hal 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 in the Fall. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Beginning Thursday, October 8, join us for a 10-week Bible study on the book of *Revelation*. We will meet each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in Founders Hall.

Together, we will explore this rich and often misunderstood book of Scripture, discovering its message of hope, perseverance, faithfulness, and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ.

Led by Pastor Steve, this study will include thoughtful teaching, conversation, and plenty of opportunity for discussion. As we journey through Revelation together, we will consider what this remarkable book meant to the early church and what it continues to say to us about living faithfully in a world that can often seem uncertain.

All are welcome. Come join us as we discover together the hope at the heart of Revelation: Christ is victorious, God is faithful, and His people are never forgotten.

October 8 th	Revelation 1
October 15 th	Revelation 4
October 22 nd	Revelation 5
October 29 th	Revelation 6
November 5 th	Revelation 10
November 12 th	Revelation 12
November 19 th	Revelation 14
December 3 rd	Revelation 19
December 10 th	Revelation 21
December 18 th	Revelation 22





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

Come for a moment of prayer every Wednesday at 9am in the chapel with Pastor Steve.

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

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team for The Community Church of the Verdes has been formed to assist Pastor Steve Beard in his mission for our church. The team will walk alongside individuals by providing visitation, communion, listening, and prayer to those facing crisis, illness, or life transitions.

Your Pastoral Care Team members are: Donna Angiolillo, Diane Bronson, Julie Dadlani, Debbie Etcheson, Gary Etcheson, Lois Halberg, and Gary Hedstrom.

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.



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. You can expect a high-level snapshot of Receipts, Disbursements, Capital Spending and Fund Balances on a quarterly basis. The first report is available in the office if you missed it in the bulletin.

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, September 14

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

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

Thursday, September 17

8:00am St. Dominic Weekly Mass (Chapel)

9:00am Justa Center Sandwich Making (Founders Hall)

Friday, September 18

No activities scheduled

Saturday, September 19

No activities scheduled

Sunday, September 20

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)

10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 9AM TO 2PM

FRIDAYS: CLOSED



Upcoming Sermons

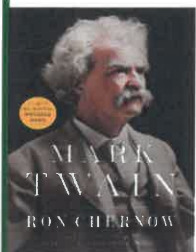
September 20th

Title: Stuck in the Wrong Place

Scripture: Acts 24:24–27



SPIRITUAL THEMES IN LITERATURE



The Book Club will resume on the second Thursday in December (**December 10th**) with Winnie Leathers. We will review Mark Twain by Ron Chernow. We will meet on subsequent months on the second Thursday of the month until May 2027.

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR!

Pastor Steve began his ministry at the Community Church of the Verdes one year ago this week (September 7, 2025). We are deeply grateful for his Spirit-filled leadership and look forward to many more years together!



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

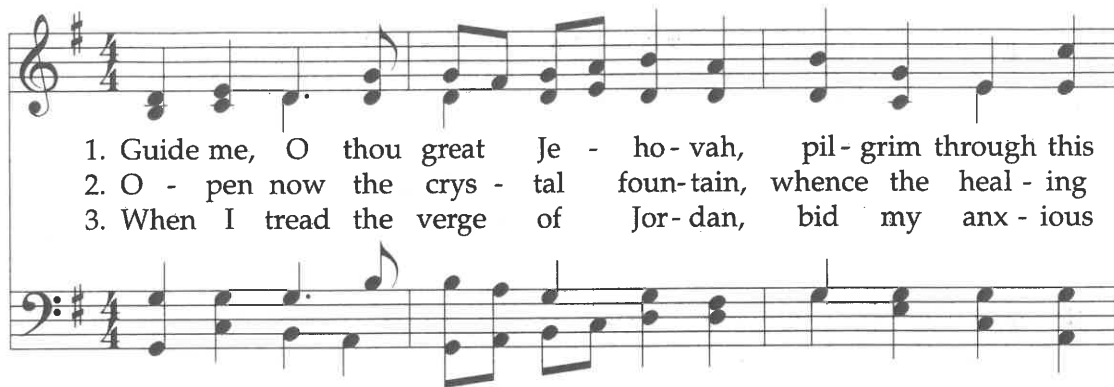
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all prais - es we ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 that on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

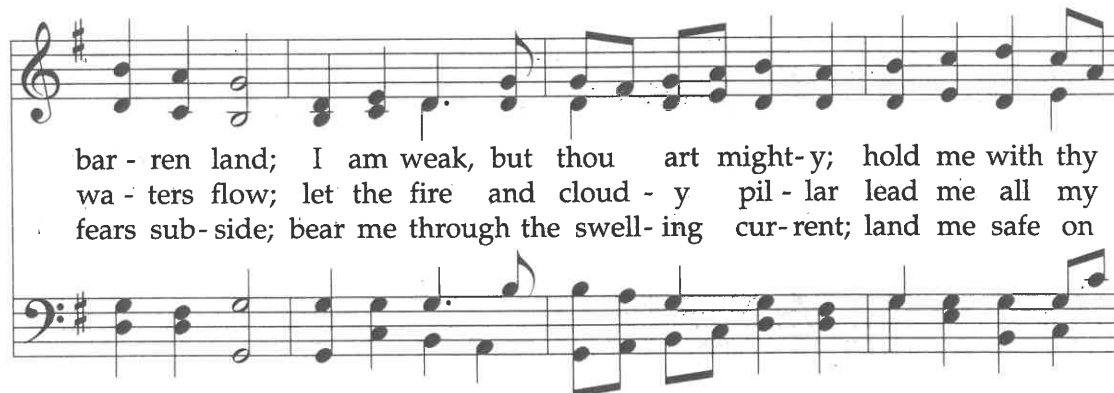
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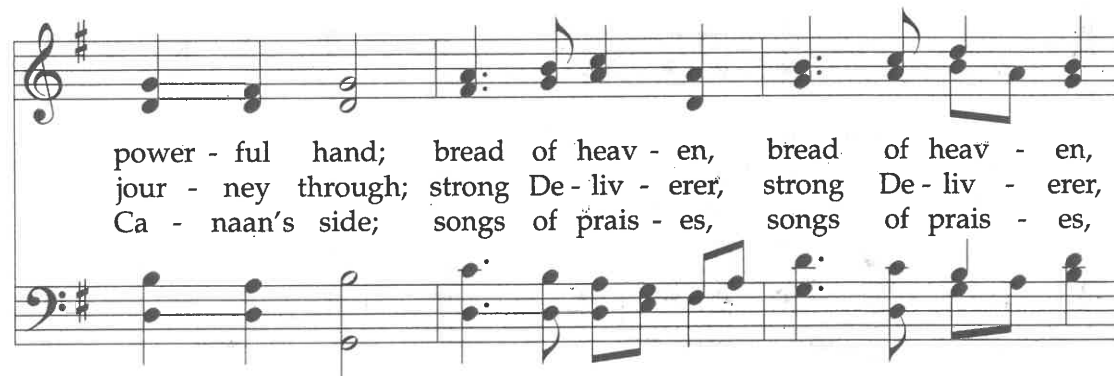
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 622



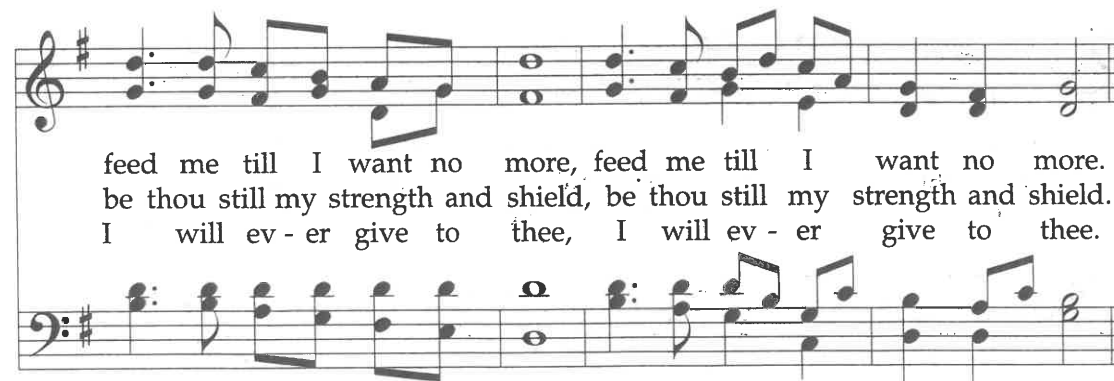
1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



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.



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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