COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
"Rejoice Greatly"
Susan Geschke
Celestial Handbell Ringers (3rd–5th grade)
PRAISE SONGS
"Open Up the Heavens"
"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"
MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS
"Father, I Adore You"
Terrye Coelho
Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd–5th grade)
SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
For more information and class assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
"What a Beautiful Name"
SCRIPTURE
John 11:32–44
MESSAGE
"Prelude to a Parade"
Chris Curvin, Pastor
COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC
"Lord of the Dance/Were You There"
Joel Raney
SONG OF DEDICATION
"Thrive"

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds–2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds–Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Tighe & Nancy Stevens.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruiz.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds–2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class–Rooms 9 & 11
Threads of Hope spreads God's word to the Massai people of Kenya while providing fabric and sewing machines to enable jobs. Al Barrett, Ministry Director, has labored in this area for nearly 20 years. Al will be with TCI class to talk about his trip to Kenya in February. Learn about the miracles God is working through Threads of Hope while enjoying coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class in rooms 9 & 11 led by Vicki Knueger.

6:30–7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6
Bible study will not meet until April 23. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU
Order for the Public Worship of God
April 2, 2017
5th Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND IN PRAYER AS THE MUSIC BEGINS.
PLEASE silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Chris Curvin, Pastor

People: 

CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding in love.
Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
People: Those who trust in Christ will never die.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

(11:00) CHILDREN’S SONG
“Father, I Adore You”
Terrye Coelho
Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

(11:00) PRAYER OF PARDON
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
Janet Linker

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Life, You call us to be your voices in this world and we confess we stay silent. You call us to be your hands and feet yet we hide our hands behind our backs and with our feet we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones of ours that we might declare with heart and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God’s life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
TERRA BEATA

O God, who gives us life, who fills our lungs with breath, Send now your Spirit in our midst to save our souls from death. How shall our dry bones live, where hear your word anew? Amazing God, our lives are changed whene’er your winds blow through.

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)

ANTHEM
“When Jesus Wept”
Barbara Jordan, Alto

arr. Linda Spevacek

When Jesus wept the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
Poor Jesus. They gave him up to Herod; they seised upon his garment.
They bound him with a halter; they whipped him up a mountain,
They nailed him to the cross, they hung him with a robber.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
Poor Jesus, my Lord.

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 4-7th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP:

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(TO symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Hymns of the Cross”
Janet Linker

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

(8:15) CHILDREN’S SONG
“Father, I Adore You”
Terrye Coelho
Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
John Leavitt

(THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE DEDICATION OF THE COMMUNITY

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

MUSIC NOTES:

When Jesus Wept (194)

The shortest verse in the New Testament is John 11:35 consisting of just two words, “Jesus wept.” This is part of today’s narrative about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The anthem and music at the offering are based on an early American tune by William Billings (1746-1800). This tune was composed to be sung in canon. Billings was a life-long resident of Boston and was a tanner by trade who was a largely self-taught musician. Billings wrote “the first collection of music entirely by an American” which is called New England Psalm-Singer and in which “When Jesus Wept” was included. He actively taught in the New England singing schools his entire life. He was also physically disabled having only one eye, a short leg and a withered arm along with being addicted to snuff and neglecting normal matters of hygiene. Billings’ work was very popular in its heyday, but his career was hampered by the primitive state of copyright law in America at the time. By the time the copyright laws had been strengthened, it was too late for Billings: the favorites among his tunes had already been widely reprinted in other people’s hymnals, permanently copyright-free. He died in poverty.