HYMN NOTES:
“A namby-pamby, childish style is most unpleasing to children. It is surprising how soon they can understand and follow a high order of poetry.” Thus wrote Cecil Frances Alexander, author of the hymn “Jesus Calls Us” (720). She was a 19th century educator in her native Ireland and wrote many hymns for children, including “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and “Once in Royal David’s City.” The opening hymn, “Come, Thou Almighty King” (2) has been credited to Charles Wesley, but that is doubtful as he never wrote anything in this unusual meter, 664.6664—the same meter as “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee.” The tune was written especially for these words by the prolific composer, opera conductor and violinist, Felice de Giardini in 1769.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Children’s Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

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 Jane Winne.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to rooms 8 & 10 with Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Children’s Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

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 will not meet for the summer. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class—TCI Class is on hiatus.
We’ll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their affect on our faith journey. As always, we’ll have cookies and coffee.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class is on break and will resume on Sunday, September 10.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6
Is currently on a break. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.
Order for the Public Worship of God
June 25, 2017
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
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  Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Through faith in Jesus expressed in our baptism, we are dead to sin.
People: Now we are alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Arioso”  J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #2  “Come, Thou Almighty King”  ITALIAN HYMN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty and loving God, we praise you for your glory and holiness. Sadly dear Lord, we confess we often live our lives with a lack of reverence for beauty, for truth and for goodness. Forgive us when we scheme and seek to use and manipulate others to further our own purposes and agendas. Almighty God, purify our lives and make us brave and loyal disciples, so we may serve and honor Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. For we come to you offering this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581  GLORIA PATRI
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. Amen.

ANTHEM  “Grace”  Carolyn Hamlin
Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

Refrain: Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,
Your hand will protect me, I rest in your care.
Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me,
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

Each new day’s design is charted by your hand
And graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.
Keep my footsteps faithful when from you I go.
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.  (Refrain)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children’s Church is taking a break through August. Children over 3 should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING  “alla Offertorio”  Domenico Zipoli

*A DOXOLOGY  (#606  OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #828  “More Love to Thee, O Christ”  MORE LOVE TO THEE

WE HEAR THE WORD


SERMON  “Jesus’ Provocative Parable on Living Wisely”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #720  “Jesus Calls Us”  GALILEE

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Fanfare”  Henry Purcell
(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU