HYMN NOTES:
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (367)
This is one of those hymns that have been appropriated for a season not intended by its author. Just as we’ve discovered that “Joy to the World” is not about Christmas but is a paraphrase of Psalm 98, the title of this hymn suggests Thanksgiving—but this harvest time is really about the final judgment when the good grain will be garnered and the tares thrown into the fire as described in Matthew 13:36-43. In today’s scripture, Jesus invites the disciples to pray for laborers to bring in the bountiful harvest, pointing out that there are not enough reapers for the harvest. The hymn was written in 1844 by Henry Alford—a well-respected and distinguished clergyman who became Dean of Canterbury Cathedral at the age of 47 where he remained until his death. The hymn originally contained seven stanzas, but only four have remained in common usage.

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 Gulten Wulf.
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. Have a joyful and restful summer and plan to return with us on September 10. 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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Jackie & Jerry Koski
In memory of our fathers
Bob & Barbara Stone
In celebration of our 67th wedding anniversary

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!
Order for the Public Worship of God
June 18, 2017
2nd 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
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
People: The Lord sends us out into the harvest.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Lord of the Dance” arr. Lloyd Larson
Heartwood, Clarinet; Dick Casper, Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear Heavenly Father, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours, commissioned to go out in the world to spread your good news. We have strayed from your ways like sheep without a shepherd. We fall short of being a credible witness to you in this fast changing world in which we live. For these things we ask your forgiveness and pray for discernment for the future. Give us clear minds and open hearts; open to new possibilities of life for ourselves, for your church, and for the world you came to save. Give us clear minds and open hearts; o God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost; just like that loving parent, you’re like a mother, too. No single name can ever tell all we know of you. Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father’s joy. When, at his son’s returning, he ran to greet the boy. O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own, just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home. O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost; Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost. As Jesus called you “Abba,” and trusted in your plans, We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #367
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

WE CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

WE GATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

WE HEAR THE WORD

WE SHARE

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, thou wilt 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.

NEW TESTAMENT

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Who Will Be a Witness?” arr. Donald More
Westminster Youth Choir

*DOXOLOGY—#606
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
“When Jesus Called You ‘Father’” Aurelia
When Jesus called you “Father” in teaching folks to pray, and when he said we’re children who need to trust your way. O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above. Perhaps in Joseph’s caring, he’d learned to trust your love. Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name. The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain; and though you’re like a father, you’re like a mother, too. No single name can ever tell all we know of you.

WE GATHER

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

OFFERTORY
“Who Will Be A Witness?”
Donald Moore
Westminster Choir

SCRIPTURE
Genesis 18:9–15
Matthew 9:35–38

MESSAGE
“It’s a Great Time to Be the Church”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“We Believe”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU