

# Service of Worship

10:00 AM

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you.  
All are welcome in this place of worship.  
As you are seated, please silence your cell phones.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE** *The God of Abraham Praise*  
Cardon Burnham  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ed Paxton

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have welcomed us, saying, "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

Lord, you have promised us, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Lord, you have blessed us, saying, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

Lord, you have humbled us, saying, "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

**Lord, show us your glory! We worship you!**

**+OPENING PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Faithful God,  
you are here.  
Tuck us into the cleft of the rock;  
cover us with your hand  
when we are anxious,  
that we may be courageous  
to do your will,  
through Christ,  
who calls us by name.  
**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Peters  
Coordinator of Family Ministries

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC**  
*Give me Jesus* - arr. Mark Hayes  
David Hamblin - Soloist

## Proclamation

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (In unison)  
Holy Spirit,  
illumine for us this Word,  
that the message of the gospel  
may come to us in power. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**  
Exodus 33:12-23  
The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**HOMILY** *Known by Name*  
The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
*My Jesus, I Love Thee with I Love You, Lord*  
arr. Anna Laura Page

## Response

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC**  
*Spirit Song* - David Hamblin - Soloist

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, you are steadfast, forever enfolding even when we cannot accept ourselves.

May your Spirit empower us to imitate you: by receiving those who feel judged and rejected, by walking alongside those who despair, by encouraging those who tend to the broken, by affirming those who labor in love.

We lift into your tender care those whose bodies, minds, or spirits have been weakened or crushed.

We lift up to your compassionate grace those whose burdens, guilt, or fears seem too massive to bear.

We lift before your expansive mercy those whose hatred, rage, or vengeance cannot be contained.

Receive all these cares, loving God, and fill us with the light of Christ, through the work of your Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## Sending Forth

**+BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26  
The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

**+POSTLUDE** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
John Hughes/arr. Don Hustad

**Today's altar flowers are given by Judy Wing and Joe Strosnik for everyone to enjoy!**

**Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.  
An offering basket is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.**



## CONNECT CARD

**WELCOME!** We'd like to help you get connected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

Let us know how we can reach out to you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you attended LH Church?

- 1st time guest  2nd time guest  
 guest from out of town  
 regular attendee  member

I am interested in:

Having the Pastor Contact Me

- Youth and Families  
 Small Groups  
 Missions  
 United Methodist Women  
 Men's Prayer Group  
 Strawberry Festival Volunteer  
 Stephen Ministry  
 Greeting and Ushering  
 Communion Stewardship  
 Fellowship Hour Hospitality  
 Singing in the Choir  
 Membership

## PRAYER REQUESTS

In everything by prayer...  
Let your requests be made known  
unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here  
and place it in the offering plate or  
hand it to an usher.

Please pray for

Requested by

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL  
NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE.  
PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT  
941-964-2479**

I would like someone to  
contact me to pray over  
more confidential  
matters.

# Welcome!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives! Please pick up a gift mug in the narthex as a token of our gratitude for your presence.

### Upcoming Event:

The *Family Experience Celebration Event* will be taking place in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 25, from 4 pm to 6 pm. We invite all of our families with Sunday School children to join us on that date for a fun celebration event as Kathy Peters, our Coordinator of Family Ministries, wraps up the Ten Commandments series. There will be games, crafts, activities, and refreshments. It will be so nice for the kids (and their parents) to fellowship together again. More details to follow in our worship.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Becca deRosa is available to arrange fresh flowers each week to decorate the church chancel for the worship services. To place flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please email us at [info@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com).

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of October 13, 2020

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$643,000.00</u>
OFFERING	<u>\$455,446.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS	<u>\$313,881.00</u>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET (20% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	<u>\$89,140.00</u>
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS	<u>\$70,000.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS	<u>\$154,741.00</u>

## Serving Today.

Usher: David Senior

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**LIGHTHOUSE**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
of  
**BOCA GRANDE**

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

*Receiving the Light,  
Being the Light,  
Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ*



"We cannot attain the presence of God because we're already in the presence of God. What's absent is awareness. Little do we realize that God's love is maintaining us in existence with every breath we take. As we take another, it means that God is choosing us now and now and now and now."

~Loving the Presence in the Present

Richard Rohr