



*February 20, 2022*

**8:30AM Service**

**Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany**

*Receiving the Light,*

*Being the Light,*

*Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ*



In today's lesson from Luke, Jesus continues to teach from the level place, giving his disciples the bold and difficult charge to, "Love your enemies." Jesus invites his followers into a way of merciful love that recognizes the humanity of both the offended and the offender, the oppressed and the oppressor, the abused and the abuser. By responding to evil and harm with good, Jesus' disciples reveal they are children of the Most High, who is merciful and kind. In the lesson from Genesis, we hear about an example of someone who loves people who acted as enemies. When Joseph is reunited with his brothers, after they had sold him into slavery, he tells them, "Do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."

## *Blended Service of Worship*

**8:30 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.  
 The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.

### *Gathering*

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,  
 and celebrate our adoption as God's forgiven children.

**GATHERING MUSIC**    *Open Up The Heavens*    Worship Ensemble  
 Andi Rozier, James Macdonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**    Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

**+SONG OF PRAISE #707**    "Hymn of Promise"    PROMISE

**+OPENING PRAYER**    The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
 O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**    Kathy Peters

**SONG OF WORSHIP**    *Forever*    Chris Tomlin

## *Proclamation*

*The Word is encountered in speech and song  
as scripture is interpreted and expounded.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**

**Almighty God, who created all things, teach us to discern your hand in all your works and shine your light on your holy word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 45:3-11,15 OT Page #40-41

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **+GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 6:27-38 NT Page #60

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

### **SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## *Response*

*We respond by lifting our prayers,  
and praising the triune God.*

### **+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882** The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again 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.**

### **HYMN OF ADORATION #347**

*"Spirit Song"*

SPIRIT SONG

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, have Mercy**

### **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.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

### **OFFERTORY** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)*

Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

### **+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## *Sending Forth*

*We follow the Word into the world, sent forth  
with God's blessing to lives of service and love.*

### **+SENDING FORTH**

*Mighty To Save*

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

### **+BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**Wednesday, March 2 at 8:00am.** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent when we go deeply into our hearts and souls for self-examination and repentance. Please join us for a time of prayer and meditation as we enter the Lenten season.



## *Happy Birthday*

February 21- Gloria Mitchell

February 22 - Carlo deRosa

February 23 - Palmer Long

February 23 - Joan Senior

February 24 - Jim Nordlie

February 25 - Bill Cunningham

February 26 - Diane Hall

## *Happy Anniversary*

February 18—Ruth & Jim Paschall

February 18—Jackie & Larry Allen

February 26—Robert & Daniyelle Duke

*Today's alter flowers are given by Ed Paxton in loving memory of Mary Beth Paxton.*

*Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.*

### Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium

*The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit [www.bgighthousemc.com](http://www.bgighthousemc.com) or contact the church office at [info@bgighthousemc.com](mailto:info@bgighthousemc.com).*



## *Prayers and Praises*

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| Andy Billman             | JoAnne Speer          |
| Andrew Niblock           | Jon Laing             |
| Anne Harrington          | Julie Peterson        |
| Anton Bobrovskiy         | Kirk Kundtz           |
| Bill Paxton              | Lynda & Bob Jamison   |
| Bob & Barbara Schoenfeld | Gwynnie Jamison       |
| Bob Young                | Marin Shea and Family |
| Claudia Debus            | Marlo Marbra          |
| Dick & Carol Lee Locky   | Max Phillips          |
| Dee Swanson              | Myers Family          |
| Doug Bogart              | Nick Johnston         |
| Doug Stewart             | Pauline & John Mendez |
| Englewood Young Life     | Pete Nicholas         |
| Harrison Witt Merced     | Sandra Maxwell        |
| Harry Cooke              | Sonya Weinfeld        |
| James Herd               | Stan Tatko            |
| Jane Kaiser              | Todd Barringer        |
| Joan Gilman              | Vera Youngling        |

### **Prayers of General Intercession for:**

*Mitch & Debbie Martinez, Our Cuban Sister Churches, Dist. Supt. Thom Shafer, Bishop Ken Carter, Hope International, ECHO, Caring Partners, Agape Airlines, Helping Hand, Habitat for Humanity, Kids Needs of Englewood, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, SOLVE Maternity Homes, The Charlotte County Homeless Coalition, UMW Missions, Stephen Ministry, and Twelve Churches (Doce Iglesias), Young Life, H.A.M., and ZOE Empowers.*

**We are blessed and honored to pray for your loved ones. Prayer requests will be kept on our church prayer list for 30 days unless we hear from you otherwise. Please keep us updated at 941-964-2479 or at [info@bgighthousemc.com](mailto:info@bgighthousemc.com)**

# Welcome!

We are honored that you are here! If you are a first-time guest, please pick up a gift mug as a token of our gratitude for your presence here today. All are welcome into the congregational life, ministry, and membership of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. For information on baptism and membership, please contact us at [info@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com).

## Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 9am.

## Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available should you need to speak with one. Please contact Ellie Durno at [durno1@comcast.net](mailto:durno1@comcast.net) to arrange a visit or call.

## Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey. We do so through the **WILD Center** where kids **Worship, Inspire, Learn,** and **Disciple**. Children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us following the 10:30 service Children's Message for Sunday School. Children in fourth grade and up are encouraged to attend worship service with their families, then meet with Ms. Kathy in the Leopard Lair from 11:30 – 11:50 AM for a brief bible study discussion while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

## Join The Choir!

Our Chancel Choir will continue to sing each Sunday throughout the season. We are currently seeking new members! All are welcome to come to rehearsals on Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:15PM. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our Lord through your musical gifts and talents.

## Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

Members of our Mission Committee continue to collect nonperishable food items for the local food bank's ever-expanding need. Please place your donations in the blue barrels in front of the church and the administrative offices.

## Lighthouse Men's Prayer Group

The men's prayer group meets on Thursdays from 8-9am in the new church conference room, led by Rich Steinhelper, for a study of Genesis: God's Book of Beginnings. Please join us!

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will hold their monthly meeting at 11:00 on Monday, February 21 in Fellowship Hall. A representative from C.A.R.E. will be our speaker. C.A.R.E. is one of the organizations we gave funding to from Strawberry Festival Lite last year. Please bring a sack lunch, we will provide desserts and beverages. Remember the Strawberry Festival is March 5. We hope you will volunteer your time and talent.

## Come Hungry!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, March 1 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Many volunteers also needed. Please see Dan O'Connell.

# Serving Today

**Ushers:** Donna and Jack Harms  
**Liturgist:** Candy Rost

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!  
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of February 14, 2022

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| OPERATING BUDGET.....   | \$645,000.00 |
| OFFERING.....   | \$125,796.00 |
| OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND<br>AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....               | \$ 24,309.00 |
| Coming from: DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION<br>GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....               | \$ 4,012.00  |
| (10% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)<br>Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS..... | \$ 0.00      |
| Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL<br>PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....              | \$ 20,297.00 |