

February 27, 2022

8:30AM Service

Transfiguration Sunday

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



Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the last Sunday before the season of Lent. The gospel lesson provides a vivid description of a mountaintop transformation where Jesus's face and garments become dazzling white in the presence of disciples Peter, James, and John. The appearance of both Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus stands in line with the great leaders of Israel. It also symbolizes Jesus' fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets through his life, death, and resurrection. The Transfiguration also recalls Moses's encounter with God on Mt. Sinai. In 2 Corinthians, Paul teaches that while Moses's face had to be veiled after encountering the Lord, through Christ we are given freedom to approach God boldly. Jesus has torn the veil between earth and heaven, and he invites us to enter the new covenant through faith.



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

He Is Exalted
 Worship Ensemble

Twila Paris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

SHARING THE LIGHT

Caring Partners International
 Dr. Adam and Rhonda Reed

+SONG OF PRAISE #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

+OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Peters

SONG OF WORSHIP

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy Jesus, give us grace to perceive your glory as you illuminate your word, that we may be strengthened to suffer with you and be changed into your likeness, from glory to glory. In your name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 OT Page #78
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:28-43a NT Page #65
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

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Graham Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

+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

Forever Chris Tomlin

+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

March 2—Barbara Schoenfeld

March 9—Kathy McGreal

March 9—Rocky Dedrick

March 11—Jenny Wood

March 12—Phyllis Hire

March 13—Joe Albertson

March 13—Shirley Kiervin

Happy Anniversary

March 4—Elsa & Peter Soderberg

March 10—Ellie & Bob Young

Today's alter flowers are given by Joan Gilman in loving memory of her husband Doug, daughter Julie, and dear friend William Warber.

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.
2022 Pledge Cards are available in the pew back pockets.

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.bgighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bgighthouseumc.com.



Prayers and Praises

Andy Billman
Andrew Niblock
Anne Harrington
Anton Bobrovskiy
Bill Paxton
Bob & Barbara Schoenfeld
Bob Young
Claudia Debus
Dick & Carol Lee Lockey
Dee Swanson
Doug Bogart
Doug Stewart
Harrison Witt Merced
Harry Cooke
James Herd
Jane Kaiser
Joan Gilman
JoAnne Speer

Jon Laing
Julie Peterson
Kirk Kundtz
Lynda & Bob Jamison
Gwynnie Jamison
Lynn Kieffer
Marin Shea and Family
Marlo Marbra
Max Phillips
Myers Family
Nick Johnston
Pauline & John Mendez
Pete Nicholas
Sandra Maxwell
Sonya Weinfeld
Stan Tatko
Todd Barringer
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, Englewood Helping Hand, Englewood Young Life, 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@bgighthouseumc.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

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available should you need to speak with one. Please contact Ellie Durno at 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-3rd 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.

Coming Wednesday, March 9

Our long-anticipated W.A.G. (Wednesday Afternoon Games) Club will launch on March 9 from 3:00-4:30pm for all students in grades K through 5. It offers the Obie Game System, floor games, board games and a light snack at no charge.

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 attend 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 Steinhelmer, for a study of Genesis: God's Book of Beginnings. Please join us!

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.

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It's Almost Here!

The Strawberry Festival is just 6 days away. Have you contributed, supported, volunteered your time and talents?

Serving Today

Ushers: Jane and Ron Wittenberg

Hospitality: Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson

Liturgist: Colvin McCrady

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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 22, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<u>\$645,000.00</u>
OFFERING.....	<u>\$162,017.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	<u>\$ 55,340.00</u>
Coming from: DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<u>\$ 35,012.00</u>
(42% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	<u>\$ 20,328.00</u>