



April 3, 2022

8:30AM Service

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



During the season of Lent, many Christians practice disciplines that require personal cost as a way to learn more about loving God without regard to cost. In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he suggests that all the knowledge of his former life counts as rubbish compared to the value he has discovered in Christ. The gospel lesson stirs the consciences of many who hear it, as Mary of Bethany lavishly anoints Jesus's feet with fine perfume despite Judas's objection. How often have we been more like Judas with our quick self-righteousness convinced that there is never enough and less like Mary, who offers an extravagant gift to God?



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

Worship Ensemble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

+SONGS OF PRAISE

"More Love to Thee, O Christ" (UMH #453)
I Could Sing of your Love Forever

+OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Peters

SONG OF WORSHIP "Sanctuary"

John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Nurturing God, your love abounds with overflowing grace. Send your Spirit now to open our hearts and illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

NT Page #186

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

NT Page #100

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

HOMILY

Costly Offerings

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

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song"

SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY

Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)

Graham Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion. All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Taste and See

James E. Moore

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
O Food to Pilgrims Given

Robert E. Kreutz

German melody, 15th century,

adapted by Heinrich Isaac, harm. by J.S. Bach

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Jeremy Riddle

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Happy Birthday

April 1 - Ruth Paschall
April 1 - Tanner Stewart
April 4 - Bob Schoenfeld
April 9 - Polley Cunningham
April 10 - Jan Myers
April 12 - Chrys Hyde

Happy Anniversary

April 1 - John and Jean Moenning
April 1 - Bob and Candy Rost
April 6 - Jim and Tooney Kendall

Today's altar flowers are given by Judy Thomas in loving memory of Marjorie Moore on her birthday.

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



Prayers and Praises

Andy Billman	Julie Peterson
Andrew Roman	Lynda & Bob Jamison
Anne Harrington	Gwynnie Jamison
Anton Bobrovskiy	Laura Hawks, son Jack
Bev Furtado	Lynn Kieffer
Bill Paxton	Marlo Marbra
Bob Young	Max Phillips
Claudia Debus	Myers Family
David Bremer	Nick Johnston
Dick & Carol Lee Lockey	Pete Nicholas
Dee Swanson	Sandra Maxwell
Doug Bogart	Sonya Weinfeld
Doug Stewart	Stan Tatko
Harrison Witt Merced	Theda & Wade Schulte
Harry Cooke	Todd Baringer
James Herd	Tom Walker
Jane Kaiser	Vera Youngling
Joan Gilman	Young Thatcher
Jon Laing	

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 to assist you. If you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net.

Worship Services

Worship Services will offer a blended worship service at 8:30 AM and a traditional service at 10:30 AM through Easter, April 17. We will resume a single 10:00 service beginning April 24. The nursery is staffed for toddlers during all services.

Easter Services

Sunrise Service at the Lighthouse at 7:00 AM. Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:30 AM. Nursery and Sunday School during both.

Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey in 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. Fourth grade and up meet in the Leopard Lair following service for a brief bible study discussion while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

W.A.G. (Wednesday Afternoon Games) Club for Kids

W.A.G. Club will resume on Wednesday, April 6 in our game room from 3:00-4:30 for students in grades K – 5 to enjoy our new Obie game system, floor games, board games, and a light snack. Students do not need to be a member of the church to participate and the program is free of charge for all.

Save The Date!

Please join us following the 10:00 service on Sunday, April 24 for our Williams Family Farewell Celebration and Luncheon. All are invited!

Save The Date!

UMW will host their final meeting of the year on Friday, April 22 with a catered luncheon as we honor Joy Williams.

Join the Choir!

Our Chancel Choir will continue to sing each Sunday throughout the season. New members are welcome to come to rehearsals on Thursdays from 4:00-5:15 PM. 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.

Lend A Helping Hand!

Our final two Lenten Pancake Breakfasts will be held on March 31 and April 7 from 8-10:00 AM. Many hands make light work and there are many volunteer opportunities available each week. There are sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall for the position of your choice. Your assistance would be a huge help!

Serving Today

Ushers: Ron and Jane Wittenberg
Communion Steward: Kathy Peters
Liturgist: Candy Rost

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of March 29, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<u>\$645,000.00</u>
OFFERING.....	<u>\$310,207.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	<u>\$214,989.00</u>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<u>\$ 35,012.00</u>
(52% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	<u>\$ 95,000.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	<u>\$ 27,233.00</u>