## 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. The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.



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

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Traditional

Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Rebecca deRosa

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** 

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** 

From Psalm 111

Come, and praise God! In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate; our God is merciful and forgiving

our God is faithful and trustworthy, our God is just and good.

So come, let's worship God together.

God's praise will last forever!

#### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN FWS #2190

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

#### **+OPENING PRAYER**

Kathy Peters

Lord of life and hope, we gather this day seeking nourishment for our souls and healing for our spirits. Give to us your living bread, that having been nourished in soul and spirit, we may be witnesses to your transforming love. Through the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we offer this prayer. Amen.

**+SUNG RESPONSE** "Glory Be to God, Creator" Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One.

As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER** 

Kathy Peters

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC** Give Thanks Henry Smith, arr. Mark Hayes



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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of glory, the end of our searching, please send your Holy Spirit of wisdom upon us now to illumine your word and inspire our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 5:15-20 NT Page #183

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**+GRADUAL HYMN #598** "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH (VS. 1-2)

+GOSPEL LESSON John 6:51-58 NT Page #93 The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #598 "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH (VS. 3-4)

**SERMON** Giving and Taking Thanks The Rev. Gary Gottfried



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

#### **+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885**

A Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

#### **CALL TO PRAYER**

Rebecca deRosa

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The congregation is invited to read and pray for the needs on the prayer list at this time.

**HYMN OF ADORATION #347** 

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Spirit Song"

SPIRIT SONG

**CONNECT CARD** 

## WELCOME! We'd like

to help you get connected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

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Let us know now we can
reach out to you!
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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

_	Small Groups
	Missions

United Methodist Women

Youth and Families

Men's Prayer Group

Strawberry Festival Volunteer

Stephen Ministry

Greeting and Ushering

Communion Stewardship

Fellowship Hour Hospitality

Singing in the Choir

Membership

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. Gary Gottfried **OFFERTORY** Meditation on "Power in the Blood"

+DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Lewis E. Jones, arr, Mark L. Williams

Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** 

The Rev. Gary Gottfried

Sending Forth

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #451

"Be Thou My Vision"

The Rev. Gary Gottfried

SLANE

+BENEDICTION

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

+POSTLUDE John Hughes, arr. Humphrey Turner

> 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.bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

#### **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.

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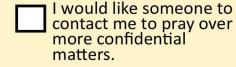
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PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT 941-964-2479





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 throughout the summer. Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ray Smedley at snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com or Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net

#### **Family Ministry Program**

Today, we are welcoming our children back to school! Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey. We strive to bring Bible stories to life, guide them in going to God in prayer, and grow their personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus loves them and so do we!

> Welcome to the **WILD** Center where kids... Worship, Inspire, Learn, Disciple.



Sunday School for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers



August 15 August 22

August 29

Who Is Jesus? Peek-a boo Jesus Where is Jesus?





Sunday School for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade



ego Lessons: Some Assembly Required

August 15 August 22 August 29 **Following Directions Putting it All Together** Finishing the Build





Sunday School for 4th Grade and Up

### Anatomy of the Bible

August 22 August 29 **Testaments and Sections** Law and History The Prophets



# Serving Today

**Liturgist**: Bradford Boney **Ushers:** Jane and Ron Wittenbera **Hospitality Host**: Kathy Peters **Acolyte**: Mary Katherine Boney



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#### Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant

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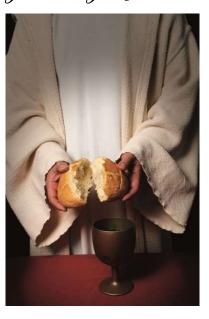
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness Our gifts as of August 9, 2021
OPERATING BUDGET <u>\$630,000.00</u>
OFFERING <u>\$459,644.00</u> OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND
GLOBAL MISSIONS
Coming from: DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET <u>\$105,211.00</u>
(27% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED
MISSIONS <u>\$25,000.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUALCONGREGATIONAL
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS <u>\$69,587.00</u>



Hugust 15, 2021

## **Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

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



Psalm 111 is full of exuberant praise of God's goodness and ends by reminding us that "the fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom". Across the witness of scripture, we see one of the Holy Spirit's roles as being the bringer of wisdom, through which we are invited to live a life guided by divine truth. St. Paul teaches the church at Ephesus to overflow with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, and in our Gospel passage Jesus invites us into intimate relationship with the Godhead by sharing in the eucharistic feast. This invitation to personal and corporate relationship with the Trinity is awe-inspiring, and we can rejoice that we have the Spirit to guide us along the way.