

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.

Gathering

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

PRELUDE Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!
George J. Webb, arr. Lani Smith
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSH From Psalm 111
How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!
The refreshing springs of God's love cleans and restore us.
There is a place here for everyone.
No one is turned away.
The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God's house.
Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.
Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #61
"Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

+OPENING PRAYER Kathy Peters
In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope.
We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God.
Lord, be with us this day.
Calm and soothe our souls.
Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you.
Amen.

+SUNG RESPONSE "Glory Be to God, Creator" RENEWED
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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters
Coordinator of Family Ministries

WORSHIP IN MUSIC Better Is One Day Matt Redman

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Father of mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, and send your Spirit now to open our hearts to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20 NT Page #184
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #600 "Wonderful Words of Life" (VS. 1-2) WORDS OF LIFE

+GOSPEL LESSON John 6:56-69 NT Page #93
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #600 "Wonderful Words of Life" (VS. 3) WORDS OF LIFE

SERMON Accepting the Message The Rev. Gary Gottfried

Response

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 Larry Hannah
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 "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Cindy Berry

+DOXOLOGY #94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
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 #374 "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Gary Gottfried

+POSTLUDE Immortal, Invisible Gerald Peterson

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



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!

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

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.

August is a 5-Sunday month, so our Sunday School children will be collecting loose change during the August 29 service to make a Joyful Noise in their collection cans. Your coins are welcome. Proceeds will benefit ZOE Empowers fund!

In Memoriam



Carol Elwood

November 30, 1935 – August 16, 2021

Serving Today

Liturgist: Becca deRosa

Ushers and Hospitality Hosts: Pam & Larry Hannah

Acolyte: Harry Duke

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of August 17, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$460,181.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$199,798.00

Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$105,211.00
(26% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$69,587.00



August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



Today's scripture readings tell of the God who has come to dwell alongside us, often in the most unlikely of ways. Solomon builds the Temple to be the place where God's glory lives on earth, drawing those from far away to worship. Paul writes to the Ephesian church to equip them for a radical life of prayer amidst the unexpected challenges of life, and in the Gospel Jesus draws us to himself, as the source of all life and joy.