

Service of Worship

10:30 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 adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Lowell Mason, arr. Lyndell Leatherman
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #126
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above!" MIT FREUDEN ZART

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE "Canticle 13" John Rutter
Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you beholding the depths;
In the high vault of heaven glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Glory to you!

+OPENING PRAYER
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
CHOIR ANTHEM Give Me Jesus arr. Molly Ijames

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

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #175
"Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee" ST. AGNES

+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 affirming our faith, lifting our prayers, setting the table, 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY I Love Thee, My Lord, from "Christian Harmony" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

+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. 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 #17 MUSICAL SETTING A

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 Robert E. Kreutz
O Food to Pilgrims Given 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.

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #453
"More Love to Thee, O Christ" MORE LOVE TO THEE

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE Voluntary on "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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.



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 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

Liturgist: Colvin McCrady
Ushers: Rich and Debby Houck
Communion Stewards: Gloria and John Mitchell
Acolyte: Matthew teVelde

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Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of March 29, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$645,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$310,207.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$214,989.00

Coming from:
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....
(52% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

	\$92,756.00
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Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	\$95,000.00
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Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$27,233.00
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April 3, 2022

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?