

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, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE Festival Prelude on "Thaxted" Julia Lehman, trumpet
Gustav Holst, arr. David Howard Pettit
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP The Easter Acclamation, from Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary
Praise the Lord in the mighty firmament

Praise God for His mighty deeds

Praise the Lord according to His surpassing greatness

Praise God with trumpet sound

Praise the Lord with lute and harp

Praise God with tambourine and dance

Praise the Lord with strings and pipe

Praise God with clanging cymbals

Praise the Lord with loud clashing cymbals

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen, indeed, Alleluia!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #66

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

+OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, light of your love shines on! Your light has come into the world, And neither darkness, nor evil, nor even death itself could overcome it.

And we like Mary, like the disciples, like Thomas, who have been there with you through Holy Week and the first Easter Morning have been made witnesses to the resurrection story: wondering, bewildered, hoping, rejoicing.... and sometimes doubting.

It is not always easy to believe with our minds and trust with our hearts.

Loving Christ, Open the eyes of our faith that we may behold the work of your redemption. Open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord: your resurrection glory, your light everlasting. May this time of worship, reflection and celebration be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us.
Amen

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Peters

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Todd and Beth Baker
Mark and Anita Ridge

CHANCEL CHOIR

Seasons of Love

Jonathan Larson

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Chrys Hyde, Chairperson
The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
All are invited to receive a biography of the new Interim Pastor
as you depart service today.

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts as we open the pages of your
scriptures that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful
road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

NT Page #115

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #261

"Lord of the Dance"

LORD OF THE DANCE

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

NT Page #108-109

SERMON

Coming to Believe

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+HYMN OF RESPONSE #707

"Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

Response

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882

An Easter Affirmation

**I believe in God – Who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn;
Who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears
so we might discover the birth of hope;
Who sends recurring dreams, spring flowers, good friends and bright
angels With messages of joy and possibility.**

**I believe in Jesus, the risen Christ – Who meets us on every path;
Who greets us with respect, names and calms our fears,
and bids us walk and talk as children of light;
Who always goes before us and beside us into our workplace, play
space, the space in between, cyberspace, even outer space.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit – Who gathers us together into a kindred
community; Who nudges our prayers, kindles our longings,
and prompts our praise. Who works through the lame and the late,
the wrinkled and the newborn, the hurting and the hopeful;
the broken and the bruised, the young and the used, the sure and
confused.**

**I believe in the church – The belonging, hearty-singing and passionate,
caring fellowship of believers, seekers and finders.
I believe we are called to be Easter people –
Challenging despair with glowing hope,
acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays,
and living joyfully in the midst of hard realities. This I believe. Amen.**

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song"

SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear Our prayer

Larry Hannah

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 Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Lynda Jamison, Soloist

Lanny Wolfe, arr. John Oddo

+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

Sending Forth

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall, arr. James Mansfield

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

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

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. Free and open to all kids. Come join in the fellowship and fun!

Celebrate the Williams Family!

Please join us following the service today for our Williams Family Farewell Celebration and Luncheon. All are invited!

Lighthouse Men's Prayer Group

The men's prayer group meets on **Thursdays at 8:00 AM** in the new church conference room. Please join us!

Giving Challenge

The Giving Challenge is an exciting 24-hour online giving event that connects donors to support causes throughout our area. Your support of this event will 100% benefit Englewood Helping Hand. Just click on the link below during the designated time to provide much-needed support for our local neighbors.

www.givingchallenge.org/organizations/englewood-helping-hand-inc

Save The Date!

Graduation / Moving Up Celebration for our high school and college graduate as well as our third graders on **Sunday, May 1**. If you know of any graduates that we should include, please call Kathy at the office.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5 is celebrated across the country as a day of prayer for our nation and our leaders in government, the media, businesses, education, churches, families, and the military. We will hold a service at 5:00pm as we lift up each of the seven Centers of Influence in prayer, followed by a pot luck supper for those who would like to stay.

Serving Today

Ushers: Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson
Liturgist: Marilyn Witt
Acolyte: James teVelde

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of April 20, 2022

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| OPERATING BUDGET..... | \$645,000.00 |
| OFFERING..... | \$351,195.00 |
| OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING | |
| YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND | |
| GLOBAL MISSIONS..... | \$216,299.00 |
| Coming from: | |
| DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION | |
| GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET..... | \$ 92,756.00 |
| (42% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE) | |
| Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED | |
| MISSIONS..... | \$95,000.00 |
| Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL | |
| PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS..... | \$ 28,543.00 |



April 24, 2022

10:00AM Service

Second Sunday of Easter

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



The gospel lesson on the second Sunday of Easter each year is the story of "Doubting Thomas," Jesus's disciple who refused to believe the other disciples' account of Jesus's resurrection without seeing it for himself. The placement of this story of incredulity immediately following the joy of Easter acknowledges the complexity of belief. The reading from Acts demonstrates another response to the resurrection. The scriptures tell of apostles who were filled with the courage and fire of the Holy Spirit as they proclaimed the story of Jesus in spite of opposition from the authorities. These disciples simply could not keep silent about their resurrected Lord.

Today is also the Farewell Sunday for the Williams family. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for a reception and reflections.