

## WELCOME!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives!

### NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse United Methodist Church as a professing member, please contact Amanda Pearsall at [apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please ask the ushers for directions to Classroom A, where elementary school aged children will experience hands on learning during the service. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church administrative office at 941-964-2479 if you can help!

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We welcome all children and teenagers into the life and ministry of this congregation. For more information regarding our children's and youth ministries please contact Ruth Amen at 941-276-0654 or Cheryl Schum at 336-391-0133.

### MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Beginning Wednesday, October 7, a brief Holy Eucharist with healing prayers will be held in the Chancel from 11:45 am-noon. All are welcome!

### NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

The first phase of our new website has been launched. Please take the time to explore and hear an audio version of each week's sermon.

[www.bglighthouseumc.com](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com)

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

By offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we are able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local congregation and our missional initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!

Next Week: Sunday, September 27

"Will You Please Pass the Salt?"

James 5: 13-20

Mark 9: 38-50

## SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY!

Ushers: Beth and Ed Paxton

Acolyte: Tanner Stewart

Cross Bearer: Elizabeth Schum

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— B O C A G R A N D E —  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

September 20, 2015

Receiving the Light, Sharing the Light, Being the Light

COMMUNION SUNDAY



The scripture lessons today emphasize the nature of God's kingdom in contrast to human notions of privilege and authority. The Psalm talks about gentle wisdom born from above in contrast to the selfish wisdom of the world. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus' disciples bicker about "who is the greatest", and Jesus responds by reorienting them to the vision of the kingdom. Jesus challenges the disciples, and all people, to reflect hospitality, care, and provision.

# Service of Worship

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

+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*

*and register your attendance in the registration pad.*

*The prelude signals the beginning of worship.*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* George J. Webb  
Arr. Cindy Berry

### +RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #66

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" *Lauda Anima*

### INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence*

Pastor: 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!

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

### +GLORIA PATRI #70 "Glory Be to the Father" *Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

+SONG OF PEACE #572 "Pass It On" vs. 1, 3 *Pass It On*

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

### MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*It is our honor to pray with you and for you. If you have a prayer request that you would like listed on our prayer list, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.*

All: 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. Amen.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?* George N. Allen  
Arr. Cindy Berry

### +DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALM READING Psalm 1 *Pew Bible 463*

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

### +SONG OF PREPARATION #601

"Thy Word is a Lamp" vs. 1 *Thy Word*  
*\*The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.*

+GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9: 30-37 *Pew Bible 42*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

### +SONG OF PREPARATION #601

"Thy Word is a Lamp" vs. 2 *Thy Word*

SERMON "The Measure of Greatness"  
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

**All Are Welcome at the Lord's Table**

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

*The Servant Song* *Insert*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lords' Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these our mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding;*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God for now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*We Remember You* Kirk Dearman  
*Let Us Break Bread Together* Traditional Spiritual  
*In Remembrance* Beryl Red

### +RECESSIONAL HYMN #430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Maryton*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Carl G. Glazer  
Arr. Lowell Mason