

## 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 between the services 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!

### 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)

### 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.

### 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!

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST MINISTRY

This year's Pancake Breakfast Ministry will begin on Thursday, March 10 and continue through Thursday, April 14. Please contact Julie Wahoff at 964-2288 to volunteer or see her in Fellowship Hall to sign up!

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

During the weeks that the Pancake Breakfast Ministry is scheduled (March 10 through April 14) the Men's Prayer Group will meet at 10:30 Thursday mornings in Classroom A. All men welcome!

### HOLY LAND PRESENTATION AND POTLUCK

Please join us Sunday, March 13 at 5:00 pm for a presentation on Matthew and Joy's recent trip to the Holy Land. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Sheila Dorst at 964-0934/[dorstrs@msn.com](mailto:dorstrs@msn.com) or Ellie Durno at 964-4175/[edurno1@comcast.net](mailto:edurno1@comcast.net) to RSVP

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN BOCA GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE UMC!

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 mission initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!

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

**Ushers:** 8:30—Polley and Bill Cunningham

10:30—Mary Foree/Marsy and Dennis Doan

**Liturgist:** 8:30 & 10:30: Tabitha Jordan

**Communion Stewards:** 8:30—Beth & Ed Paxton, Marjorie Moore

10:30—Dian and Richard Klepser/ Pam & Larry Hannah

**Hospitality Hosts:** Pam Hannah, Judy Kershaw, and Volunteers

**Accompanist:** Al Nethery, **Choir Director,** Carol Elwood

**Audio Visual Technology:** Grant Reecher

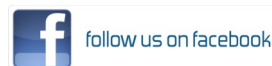
**Children and Youth Ministry:** Cheryl Schum, Leslie Barrett



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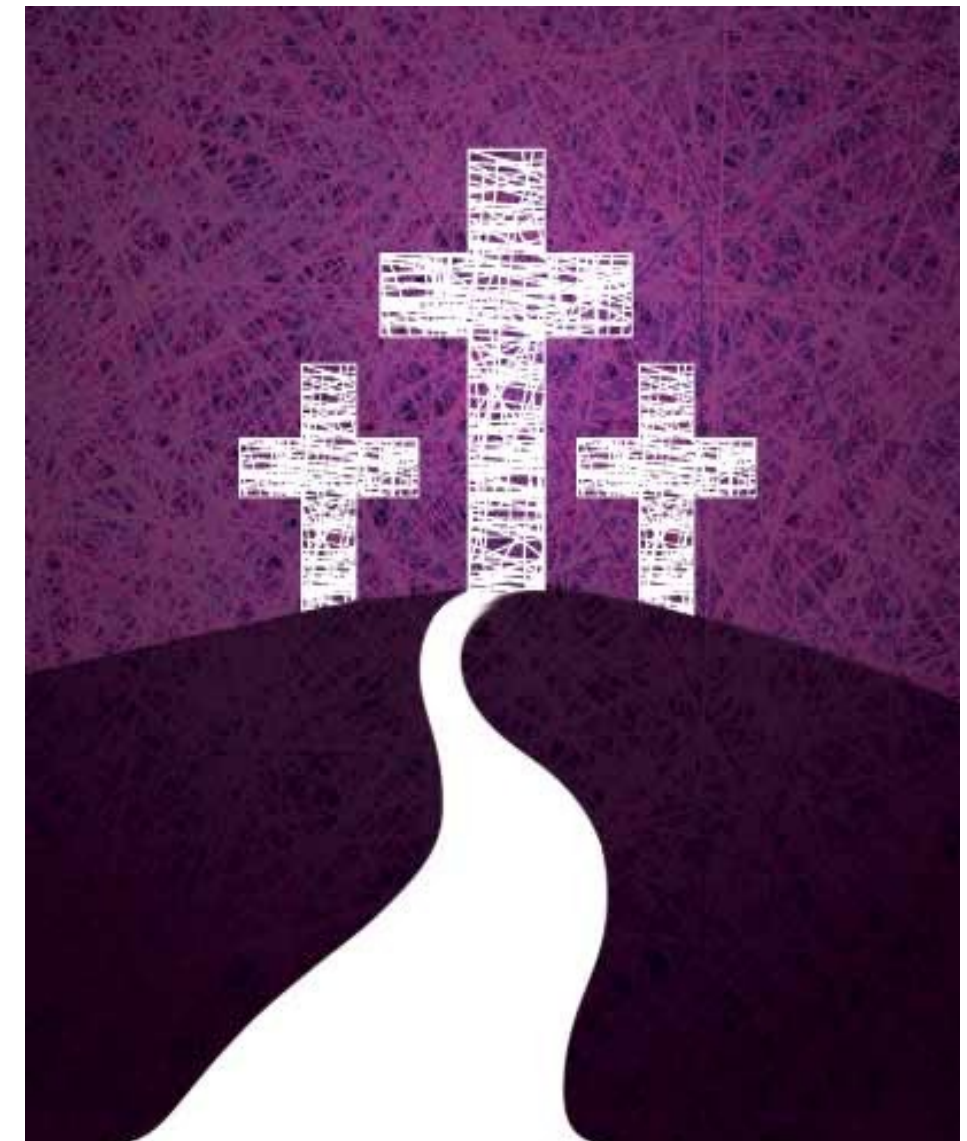


— B O C A G R A N D E —  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

March 6, 2016

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Receiving the Light, Being the Light,  
Sharing the Light**



Today we welcome Pastor Isel Acanda. Pastor Acanda has been District Superintendent in the Holguin Norte District for three years. His mission has been shared by his wife Liset and their two children Ellie and Samuel. They have established many new programs in his church at Mayari, starting with a bible class for handicapped children. Because of his direction the Holguin Norte District will be the first district in Cuba to have water purification systems installed in their churches

# Service of Worship

8:30 am & 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 and register your attendance in the registration pad. The  
prelude signals the beginning of worship.*

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Meditation for Communion* Gilbert M. Martin

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been given a ministry of reconciliation and sharing.

People: **God reconciled us to God's self through the witness of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: No longer do we need to fear.

People: **Hope has been given to us.**

Leader: So we are now ambassadors for Christ. God is making God's appeal to all humankind through us—in all that we say, think and do.

All: **Praise be to God who has placed God's trust in us. We will strive to serve God faithfully.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Beecher*

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

All: **Rock of our salvation, we know the faults we try to hide from you and those around us. We have not always cared for people in the same way. We do think some are more gifted, or better, or lovelier. We would much rather celebrate with someone than bear the suffering of another. Grant us your mercy.**

Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that our eyes might be opened to see how others truly live. Enlarge our hearts, with the gentleness of your touch, so we might embrace the opportunities we have to serve. Open our ears, so we can listen to what Jesus Christ teaches us about your love and grace for our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe this good news:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+RESPONSE 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" vs. 1 *St. Christopher*

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.**

#### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

#### + SONG OF PEACE #295

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" vs. 1 & 4 *Rathbun*  
*During the song of peace children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to classroom A*

CHORAL ANTHEM *Shout to the Lord* Choir  
*Darlene Zschech/arr. J. Schrader*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

MORNING PRAYER *Tabitha Jordan*

## WE HEAR THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON Psalm 32 Pew Bible OT Page 479

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #339 "Come, Sinner, to the Gospel Feast" vs. 1-3 *Hursley*

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15: 1-10 Pew Bible NT Page 73

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #339 "Come, Sinner, to the Gospel Feast" vs. 4-5 *Hursley*

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

### SERMON *A Conversation with Reverend Isel Acanda*

*Rev. Matthew M. Williams, Ross Witschonke*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *Meditation on "St. Columba"* Fred B. Binckes

+SONG OF THANKSGIVING #298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" vs. 4 *Hamburg*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.

All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation.

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward and take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. You are welcome to kneel at the altar for prayer following receiving the bread and cup.

COMMUNION MEDITATION *There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* Traditional Melody

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EARLY IN LENT #23 Musical Setting D

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

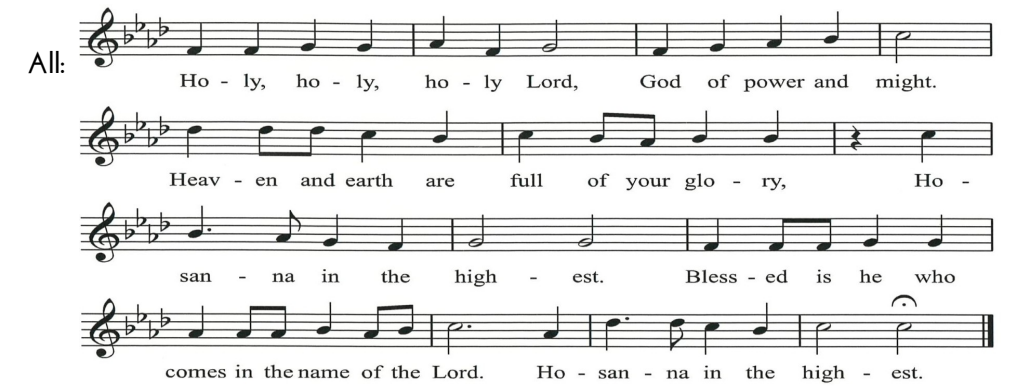
People: **We lift them up to the Lord**

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

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

The pastor gives thanks remembering God's acts of salvation.

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

All: 

The pastor recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your 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: 

The pastor invokes the present work of the holy Spirit and praises the Trinity

Pastor: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All:  *Cariton K. Young*

### 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, the power and glory forever. Amen.**

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *Meditation on "Rathbun"* David H. Hegarty  
*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* James Denton

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Reverend Matthew M. Williams

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #98 "To God Be the Glory" *To God Be the Glory*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Love Lifted Me* James Pethel