

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 *He Leadeth Me* William B. Bradbury, arr. Terry Kirkland
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN FWS #2223
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
ST. BRENDAN'S

+OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
each of you.
And also with you.
Let us pray:
Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be
here with us now. Help us know how much we need
you. Teach us that no other power can support us
like your power. As you share your power with us,
teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your
reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us,
help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in
Jesus' name. **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

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *The Lord's Prayer*
Albert Hay Malotte, trans. Carl Deis

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
**Compassionate God, our hearts are restless till they find
their rest in you: we ask you to send your Spirit so that we
would hear from you now; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
OT Page #427-428

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #396 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* ANGEL'S STORY
(VS 1-2)

+GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:38-50 NT Page #42-43
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #396 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* ANGEL'S STORY
(VS 3-4)

SERMON *Decisive Moments* The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed
Traditional Version

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And 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, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick 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.**

CALL TO PRAYER
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 Larry Hannah
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. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *No, Not One!* George C. Hugg, arr. Steven Scott

+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 #670
"Go Forth for God" (VS 1&4) GENEVA 124

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*
Arthur S. Sullivan, arr. Lani Smith

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and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church
of Boca Grande.*

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at info@bgighthouseumc.com.*



Connect Card

Welcome! We'd like to help you get con-
nected. 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

Memorial Service

Please save the date, there will be a Memorial Service for Marjorie Moore at Lighthouse Church on Saturday, October 23, at 2 PM.

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. 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!

We continue to have a wild time in our Sunday School W.I.L.D. Center! Throughout the month of September, our infants and toddlers in the Cub's Den will continue to "meet" and get to know Our Friend Jesus. Students K-3 have launched a new series, "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss". Our grades 4 and up continue to explore The Anatomy of the Bible, guaranteeing a WILD Time will be had by all!



WILD ABOUT JESUS
Open to all Kids!
SUNDAY FUNDAY
October 10 Noon-3:00
Crafts * Games * Music * Refreshments
Call 941.964.2479 to Register

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Serving Today

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Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT! Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness Our gifts as of September 20, 2021	
OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$478,388.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$202,668.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$107,296.00
(22% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$70,372.00



September 26, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



God is sovereign and raises up the most ordinary and unlikely of people to accomplish the Lord's will and good purposes. Esther is the orphaned daughter of Jewish exiles who remarkably becomes Queen of Persia and uses her influence to save God's people Israel. Likewise, the Apostle James reminds us that the great prophet Elijah was also human like us and whose example of faith should encourage us to pray for miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus himself encourages all to join in the good work of the Gospel, so that those who are on the fringes of faith might, too, come and receive salvation. There is a fierce warning not to impede this work but rather to labor together in peace with whomever God has brought together to build the Kingdom of Heaven.