

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 our adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE Prelude on "Finlandia" Franklin Ritter

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 #549
"Where Charity and Love Prevail" ST. PETER

+OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we
do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our
hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of
peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is
accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your
only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 TIME Armor of God Presentation Kathy Peters

CHOIR ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Sebastian Temple, arr. Tom Fettke

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Almighty God, who created all things, teach us to discern your
hand in all your works and shine your light on your holy word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45:3-11,15 OT Page #40-41
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #428
"For the Healing of the Nations" CWM RHONDDA

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:27-38 NT Page #60
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

We respond by lifting our prayers,
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

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 Intermezzo on "Now the Green Blade Riseth"
French Carol, arr. John S. Dixon

+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 #707 "Hymn of Promise" PROMISE

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE For the Healing of the Nations
Dan Forrest, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Today's alter flowers are given by Ed Paxton in loving
memory of Mary Beth Paxton.**

**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.bgighthouseumc.com or contact the church office
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

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 22 at 9am.

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.

Join The Choir!

Our Chancel Choir will continue to sing each Sunday throughout the season. We are currently seeking new members! All are welcome to come to rehearsals on Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:15PM. 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.

Lighthouse Men's Prayer Group

The men's prayer group meets on Thursdays from 8-9am in the new church conference room, led by Rich Steinhelper, for a study of Genesis: God's Book of Beginnings. Please join us!

United Methodist Women

The UMW will hold their monthly meeting at 11:00 on Monday, February 21 in Fellowship Hall. A representative from C.A.R.E. will be our speaker. C.A.R.E. is one of the organizations we gave funding to from Strawberry Festival Lite last year. Please bring a sack lunch, we will provide desserts and beverages. Remember the Strawberry Festival is March 5. We hope you will volunteer your time and talent.

Come Hungry!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, March 1 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall. Many volunteers also needed. Please see Dan O'Connell.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2 at 8:00am. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent when we go deeply into our hearts and souls for self-examination and repentance. Please join us for a time of prayer and meditation as we enter the Lenten season.

Serving Today

Ushers: Debby and Rich Houck

Liturgist: Joan Senior

Acolyte: Amelia teVelde

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of February 14, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$645,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$125,796.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$ 24,309.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$ 4,012.00
(10% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$ 0.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$ 20,297.00



February 20, 2022

10:30AM Service

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

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



In today's lesson from Luke, Jesus continues to teach from the level place, giving his disciples the bold and difficult charge to, "Love your enemies." Jesus invites his followers into a way of merciful love that recognizes the humanity of both the offended and the offender, the oppressed and the oppressor, the abused and the abuser. By responding to evil and harm with good, Jesus' disciples reveal they are children of the Most High, who is merciful and kind. In the lesson from Genesis, we hear about an example of someone who loves people who acted as enemies. When Joseph is reunited with his brothers, after they had sold him into slavery, he tells them, "Do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."