

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 *Immortal, Invisible* Gerald Peterson
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

SHARING THE LIGHT Caring Partners International
Dr. Adam and Rhonda Reed

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

+OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son
revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that
we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may
be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into
his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. **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 Kathy Peters

CHOIR ANTHEM *Holy Ground* Geron Davis, arr. Lloyd Larson

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
**Holy Jesus, give us grace to perceive your glory as you illuminate
your word, that we may be strengthened to suffer with you and
be changed into your likeness, from glory to glory. In your name
we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35 OT Page #78
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #173 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:28-43a NT Page #65
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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Graham Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

+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 #451 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* William B. Bradbury, arr. Terry Kirkland

**Today's alter flowers are given by Joan Gilman in loving
memory of her husband Doug, daughter Julie, and dear
friend William Warber.**

**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

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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.

Coming Wednesday, March 9

Our long-anticipated W.A.G. (Wednesday Afternoon Games) Club will launch on March 9 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 at no charge.

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!

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.

It's Almost Here!

The Strawberry Festival is just 6 days away. Have you contributed, supported, volunteered your time and talents?

Serving Today

Ushers: Jane and John Cooke

Liturgist: Marilyn Witt

Hospitality: Susan Hanafée and Ian Rogerson

Acolyte: Hampton Boney

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of February 23, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$645,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$162,017.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$ 55,340.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$ 35,012.00
(42% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$ 0.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$ 20,328.00



February 27, 2022

10:30AM Service

Transfiguration Sunday

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



Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which marks the last Sunday before the season of Lent. The gospel lesson provides a vivid description of a mountaintop transformation where Jesus's face and garments become dazzling white in the presence of disciples Peter, James, and John. The appearance of both Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration reminds us that Jesus stands in line with the great leaders of Israel. It also symbolizes Jesus's fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets through his life, death, and resurrection. The Transfiguration also recalls Moses's encounter with God on Mt. Sinai. In 2 Corinthians, Paul teaches that while Moses's face had to be veiled after encountering the Lord, through Christ we are given freedom to approach God boldly. Jesus has torn the veil between earth and heaven, and he invites us to enter the new covenant through faith.