

# 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** Come, Ye Disconsolate Dale Wood  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ed Paxton

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** From John 6  
Rejoice, Jesus is in our midst.  
**Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**  
Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.  
**Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food  
that does not satisfy.**  
Sing for joy, people of God;  
**God gathers up the pieces of our lives,  
that nothing may be lost.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #102**  
"Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

**+OPENING PRAYER**  
We praise you, O God, for the meaning that you  
give to our lives in and through Jesus.  
He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for  
the world and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us  
with his life. We praise you for filling our emptiness  
with his goodness. May our worship and praise  
express our thanks, O God, for your gift to us of the  
true bread from heaven—Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our living Lord. **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  
Coordinator of Family Ministries

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC** What a Beautiful Name  
Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood  
Evelyn McKenna and Ross Witschonke - Soloists

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**  
**God of all power and might, the author and giver of all  
good things: grow in us the love of your name, and by  
your Spirit open our hearts to hear from you now; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 3:14-21 NT Page #182  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #427**  
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY  
(VS. 1-3)

**+GOSPEL LESSON** John 6:1-21 NT Page #91-92  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #427**  
"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY  
(VS. 4-6)

**SERMON** Gathering Fragments The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

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

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885** A Modern Affirmation  
**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,  
power and love, whose mercy is over all his  
works, and whose will is ever directed to his  
children's good.**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of  
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope, and the promise of  
our deliverance from sin and death.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence  
in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual  
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find  
strength and help in time of need.**  
**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth in the example  
of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom  
of God may come upon the earth. 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**  
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** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
Henry Purcell, arr. Cindy Berry

**+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 #529**  
"How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

**+BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**+POSTLUDE** Celebration for Trumpet Robert J. Hughes

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life  
and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
of Boca Grande.



## CONNECT CARD

**WELCOME!** We'd like

to help you get connected. 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

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Requested by

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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](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com)

### 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.bglighthouseumc.com](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com) or contact the church office at [info@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto: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](mailto:snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com) or Ellie Durno at [durno1@comcast.net](mailto:durno1@comcast.net)

### Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey. We strive to bring Bible stories to life, guide them in going to God in prayer, and grow their personal relationship with Jesus. We eagerly welcome all children of all ages into our Family Ministry program. Jesus loves them and so do we!

### Children's Home School Supply Drive

As summer winds down, we are excited for the new opportunities that accompany the upcoming school year. Many churches, individuals, and groups have collected school supplies for the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for the 2021-2022 school year. For everyone who has supported our children, thank you so much! We truly couldn't do the work we do without you. If you haven't yet sent those supplies in, we ask that you please send them in as soon as possible so that they can be sorted and distributed across our ministries in a timely fashion. We would like to receive these items by July 30. For any questions, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy at [lynn.bellomy@fumch.org](mailto:lynn.bellomy@fumch.org) or 386-668-4774 ext. 2321. Thank you again for your commitment to serving children!

## Serving Today

Liturgist: Pat Witschonke  
Ushers and Hospitality Hosts: Bradford and Anna Boney  
Acolyte: Bradford Boney Jr.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of July 12, 2021

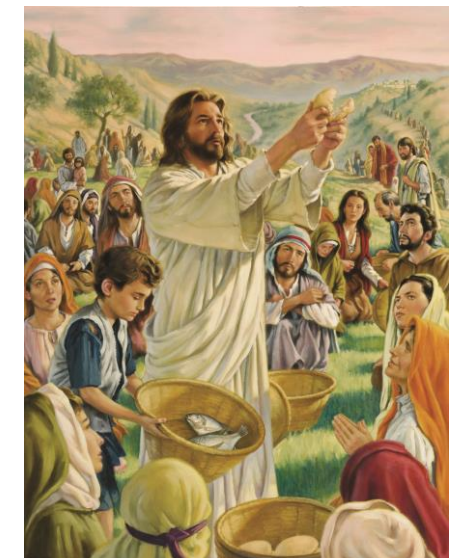
OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$446,392.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$192,214.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$103,127.00
(27% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MIS-	
SIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$64,087.00



July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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



In today's Gospel reading we see Jesus' miraculous power at work as he multiplies five barley loaves and two fish to feed a crowd of over five thousand people. This is prefigured by Elisha's miraculous feeding of one hundred people centuries before, a sign that God's loving provision is eternal. St. Paul's prayer to the Ephesian church is that they would comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love of Christ for them. That prayer remains just as true for us today because the love of Jesus is complete—he cares for our spiritual and physical needs, with an abundant grace that cannot be measured.

