

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.

For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

(9:55 AM)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander

Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord's strength; seek the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #79

vs. 1-4

"Holy God, We Praise thy Name"

Grosser Gott

+OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, We try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life.

Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #334

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

( in unison)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: as we are formed by your word, may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8: 26-39

Pew Bible NT

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #540

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

vs. 1-3

St. Thomas

The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible NT

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #540

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

vs. 4-5

St. Thomas

SERMON

Now But Not Yet

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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.

\*universal

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Meineke

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

vs. 1

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

MORNING 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

OFFERTORY

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townsend

Arr. Tom Fettke

+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

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

I Am Thine

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.


+POSTLUDE

Rise Up, O Church of God

Aaron Williams

Arr. Joseph Barlowe

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



## 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 UP-DATED AT 941-964-2479**

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I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

## 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 after the service 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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

### SUMMER USHERS, LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED!

Please consider offering your gifts during the summer by ushering, reading the scripture, or serving as communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or contact Amanda at 941-964-2479/ appearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

### STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church through viewing our sermons at [www.bglighthouseumc.com](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com), and, our Sunday Morning service at 10:30 AM is Live Streamed on our church Facebook page. You can find this at [www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc](http://www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc).

### JOIN REVEREND MATTHEW AND JOY WILLIAMS

Bible Land Exploration Pilgrimage: October 24-November 2, 2017  
Journey in the footsteps of Jesus and learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the 'Fifth Gospel'. Contact [www.EO.travel](http://www.EO.travel), 800-247-0017 for more information about this exciting opportunity! Brochures are in the Fellowship Hall

### FUMCH FIFTH SUNDAY

Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Children's Home. Please use the enclosed envelope and thank you!

### ASK US ABOUT THESE MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND HOW YOU CAN LEARN MORE!



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of July 23, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$312,064.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 95,082.00</u>

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

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer:** Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

**Ushers:** Kathleen & J.T. Turner

**Liturgist:** Jean Woods

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton



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Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

July 30, 2017

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



The passage from Romans powerfully reminds readers that God's love is present even in the midst of tribulation and that his purposes are being furthered, even if outward appearances would indicate otherwise. In Matthew, Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a mustard seed or yeast; they may have small beginnings but can grow into something much larger.