

# 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, acknowledge sin, and celebrate our adoption as God's forgiven children.

**PRELUDE** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* F.C. Maker/arr. Don Hustad  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Linden Hustedt  
Lay Leader

**STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION 2021 UPDATE** Peter Soderberg

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #559** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
God of compassion,  
In Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.  
We confess we speak when we should listen  
and act when we should wait.  
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.  
Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
In His name we pray. Amen.

**+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**  
Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

**+SUNG RESPONSE** *Glory be to God, Creator*  
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** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
Traditional Spiritual/arr. Lloyd Larson  
Richard Steinhelper – Soloist

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (In unison) Pastor and Congregation  
Eternal God, as we are inspired by your word, give us insight  
to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to  
seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NT, Page #156  
The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

**+GRADUAL HYMN #77** "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1)  
HOW GREAT THOU ART  
+FACE THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

**+GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1:29-39 NT, Page #33  
The Word of God for the people of God  
Thanks be to God

**+GRADUAL HYMN #77** "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 3)  
HOW GREAT THOU ART  
+FACE THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

**HOMILY** Temple The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

We respond by lifting our prayers, setting the table  
and praising the triune God.

**CALL TO PRAYER** Rich Steinhelper  
The congregation is invited to read and pray for the needs on the prayer list at this time.

**HYMN OF ADORATION #347** The Spirit Song SPIRIT SONG

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rich Steinhelper  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** Near the Cross W.H. Doane

## Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.  
All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious  
affiliation. Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic Holy Communion in being  
served in individual cups. If you did not receive a cup when you  
entered, the ushers will provide you with one. The bread provided in  
the top of the cup is Gluten free and is unleavened.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #23** Musical Setting D  
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
The Minister continues...

As so, with your people on earth and all the company of  
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest.

The Minister continues...

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Je-  
sus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as  
a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering  
for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.  
The Minister continues...

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your  
holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

**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.

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**+POST COMMUNION PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Sending Forth

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth from God's table  
and with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #159** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

## +BENEDICTION

**+POSTLUDE** Lord of the Dance  
Shaker Melody/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life  
and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
of Boca Grande. An offering basket is located at the  
entrance of the Sanctuary.

Easter Services are being celebrated on Sunday, April 4, at  
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. They will be identical, festive liturgical  
worship services featuring a Brass Quartet, the Viscount organ,  
Percussion and our Praise Ensemble.

Sunday School will welcome children during the 10:30 AM ser-  
vice with a telling of the Easter Story through Resurrection  
Eggs. Three classes will ensure safe social distancing and an  
intimate discussion about the risen Christ.  
All children ages 5-12 are invited to join us.

Please consider offering your gifts at either service by serving  
as ushers. We need 4 ushers for the 8:30 AM Easter service  
and 4 ushers for the 10:30 AM service.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations. We look  
forward to worshipping with you as we celebrate  
the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



## 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

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](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com)

### Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will be meeting every Thursday at 8 AM in the Fellowship Hall, except on holidays.

### UMW News - March Art Sale

Last Saturday, February 27, the UMW raised \$10,000 from the Strawberry Shortcake To-Go Sale! We thank all who helped and attended this wonderful event. We will also sponsor an art sale organized by Susan Hanafée on Sunday, March 14, from 9 AM to 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Paintings donated from the homes of local residents, an antique rosewood table, mosaic serving trays, a Jane Carlson oil, and Wini Smart originals are some of the more than 50 items available for purchase. Checks only; no cash or credit cards. Visitors are asked to wear masks and social distance and to enter the church quietly during service hours. There will be a preview of the show in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, March 7. There will be no sales at that time, but you can check out your potential purchases for March 14. You can also bid on the Jane Carlson and Wini Smart oil paintings. Bidding on those two pieces will end at 2 pm on March 14. All other items will be individually priced.

### Sanctuary Flowers

To beautify the Sanctuary, you are invited to place flowers in the chancel for Sunday Services. The total for two arrangements is \$75.00. To place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the form in the weekly newsletter or contact the office 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).

### Divine Swine Charity BBQ to Benefit Englewood Helping Hand Food Pantry

Please join Englewood Helping Hand on Friday, March 26 to pick up your BBQ dinners between 3:30-5:30 PM at the Lighthouse Church. Enjoy an array of classic BBQ fixin's like North Carolina Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw & Mac-n-Cheese! Cash/checks accepted at the door. Visit: [DivineSwine.org](http://DivineSwine.org) to place your order no later than March 20th!

### Boca Grande Preschool News

The Boca Grande Preschool would like to provide children with a library of their own and is happy to receive donations of gently used children's books, appropriate for ages 1-6. You can bring your donations to the Lighthouse Church on Sunday during worship service hours and place them in the basket in the Fellowship Hall marked "Boca Grande Preschool Children's Book Donations." If you need to drop them off during the week, please bring the books to the church office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### Daylight Savings Time!

Don't forget to "spring forward" and set your clocks an hour ahead next Sunday, March 14.

# Serving Today.

**Liturgist:** Jane Caple - 8:45 AM & 10:00 AM

**Acolyte:** Mary Katherine Boney - 10:00 AM

**Ushers:** Jim and Ruth Paschall - 8:45 AM  
Rich and Deborah Houck - 10 AM

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!**

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of March 1, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<u>\$630,000.00</u>
OFFERING.....	<u>\$256,603.00</u>
<b>OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING</b>	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	<u>\$18,920.00</u>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<u>\$8,188.00</u>
(2% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	<u>\$10,732.00</u>



## March 7, 2021

### Third Sunday in Lent

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



The season of Lent invites us to turn inward and reflect on the depth of human sin. The fourth gospel's account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple indicates that sin abounds in the very places where holiness should be most evident. Jesus' criticism of the moneychangers is not an unworldly assertion that money has no place in a place of worship. It is a prophetic act that points out how money is supposed to serve the cause of promoting faith, whereas in this case religious practice has been enlisted for the service of making money, and at the expense of vulnerable people. Just as sin infects the holiest of places, so it infects every aspect of our lives—as Paul ruefully says, "For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." What are the ways you see sin manifesting in your own life? Where are the places you encounter God's grace?