

# 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** O Jesus, I Have Promised Kenneth Lowenberg  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Linden Hustedt  
Lay Leader

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

**Blessed be the God of our Salvation  
who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #2083 FWS**

"My Song Is Love Unknown" RHOSYMEDRE

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Colin Donald McArdle See Insert

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC** Unless a Grain of Wheat

Bernadette Farrell

Jackie Allen - Soloist

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (In unison)

**Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for  
the world: as your word is read in our midst, lead us to  
ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know  
eternal peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 31:31-34 OT Page #691

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #593** Here I Am, Lord" (vs. 1-2)

HERE I AM, LORD

+FACE THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

**+GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:20-33 NT Page #100

The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #593** Here I Am, Lord" (vs. 3)

HERE I AM, LORD

+FACE THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

**HOMILY**

Hour The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**MESSAGE IN SONG** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Riley Smith

## 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** Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rich Steinhelper

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.

## 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 #671**

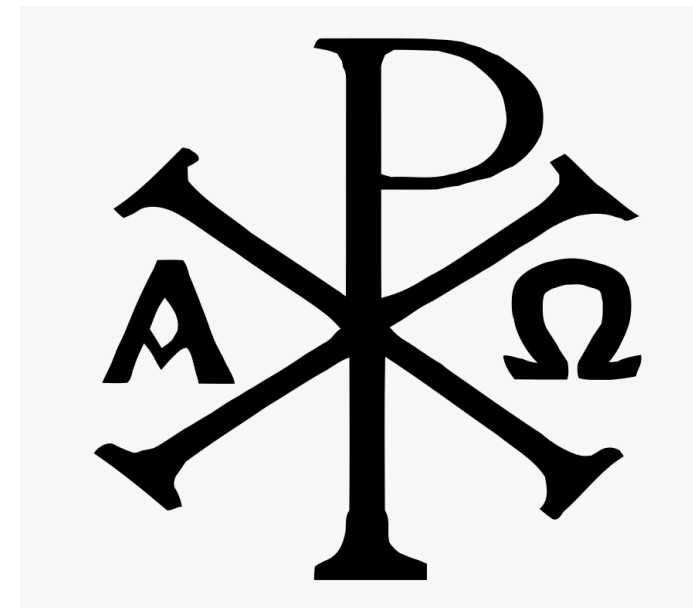
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

**+BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**+POSTLUDE** Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Anna Laura Page



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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Nick Kaiser in honor of Helen Kaiser's birthday and also to wish the best to all of the friends and members of Lighthouse Church. We miss you!



## 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)

### Easter Services

All are invited to festive Easter Services on Sunday, April 4, at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Both services will feature: Brass Quartet, Organ, Timpani & Percussion, and Praise Ensemble. Children 5-12 are invited to attend one of our interactive classes celebrating the amazing Easter Story through Resurrection Eggs. A staffed nursery is available for both services. Masks are required and reservations are encouraged. An overflow area will be available in the Fellowship Hall with a Live Feed of the services.

### 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).

### 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).

### In Memoriam



**Barbara Leiter**

*January 6, 1945 - March 4, 2021*

Memorial contributions in Barb's memory may be made to First Federated Church in Peoria, IL, Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande, FL, or the Dream Center in Peoria, IL. To leave a condolence for the family, visit: [www.farleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.farleyfuneralhome.com)

# Serving Today.

**Liturgist:** Joan Senior - 8:45 AM & Marilyn Witt - 10:00 AM  
**Ushers:** Bob and Sheila Dorst - 8:45 AM  
Kathi Hustedt - 10:00 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 15, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<b>\$630,000.00</b>
OFFERING.....	<b>\$274,672.00</b>
<b>OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING</b>	
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....</b>	
	<b>\$19,669.00</b>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<b>\$8,188.00</b>
(3% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	<b>\$0.00</b>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	<b>\$11,481.00</b>



## March 21, 2021

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Today's scriptures begin a turn to hope even in the midst of Lent. The prophet Jeremiah speaks to the new covenant God will make with the people, where God's law shall be written within their hearts. The letter to the Hebrews refers to the appointment of Jesus as high priest under the order of Melchizedek. The name has its root in two Hebrew words, "melech" (king) and "tzedeq" (righteous)—king of righteousness. In John's gospel, Jesus speaks of the importance of death in birthing new life, using an example of a single grain that bears fruit. He tells his disciples they must lose their lives in order to find eternal life.