Service of Worship

+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 adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE He is Risen!

Alan MacMillan

Rebecca deRosa

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384 "Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling" TO TUNE HYFRYDOL

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION #890

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. The minister declares pardon.

+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 Because He Lives William & Gloria Gaither Becca deRosa - Soloist

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 22:25-31 OT Page #474 The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (VS. 1-2) I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-21a NT Page #84-85 The Word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (VS. 3-4) I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SERMON Faith for the Long Haul Linden Hustedt Including Selected verses from Jeremiah 32 Lay Leader

Response

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

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

The Spirit Song SPIRIT SONG

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

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

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

COMMUNION MEDITATION I Need Thee Every Hour Robert Lowry, arr. Mary McDonald

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion. All are invited to partake despite denominational or reliaious affiliation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #20 The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up vour 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.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus 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 alory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

+DOXOLOGY #94

Sending Forth

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #571 vs 1, 4 "Go, Make of All Disciples"

+BENEDICTION	
Minister:	We are sent forth in the p
	Christ's resurrection.
All:	Alleluia!
Minister:	The grace of the Lord Je and the love of God,
	and the communion of t
	be with you all now and
All:	Thanks be to God. Amer

+POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory

> Today's altar flowers are given by the Kaiser Family and they have a special request: "Please pray for our Mom and Nick Tom, Doug, Jim and Laura."

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.

Musical Setting C

The Minister continues...

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

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Tom Birchwood

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!

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	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

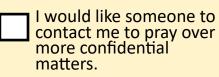
Requested by

Phone number () _____

Email

Date

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE. PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT 941-964-2479





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. <u>All are welcome</u> 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

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group last meeting of the season will be next week on Thursday, May 6.

Instant Church Directory

If you need help creating your Instant Church Directory online account or downloading the free mobile application, please call the church office at 941-964-2479 or bring your laptop or mobile device to the office and our staff will help you.

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 or contact the church office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

Helping Hand Food Barrel

Your donations of non-perishable foods are appreciated. Before heading to your northern homes, please consider placing these food donations in the barrels by the sidewalk in front of the church's main entrance or the one in front of the church office building.

If you need Jane Caple to pick up your non-perishable food donations, or if you would like to drop them off at her house, please contact her at 941-223-2367 or via email at bocajanecaple@aol.com. Food donation barrels will be out until June 6. Current Helping Hand's needs are: pancake mix, dried fruit, canned fruit, snacks, Mac and Cheese, instant mashed potatoes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Mission Committee - May 4 - 2 PM - Via Zoom Endowment Committee - May 4 - 3:30 PM - Fellowship Hall Church Council - May 18 - 2 PM - Via Zoom

Serving Today

Liturgist: Brit Hume Ushers: Colvin and Madelaine McCrady Acolyte: Will Duke

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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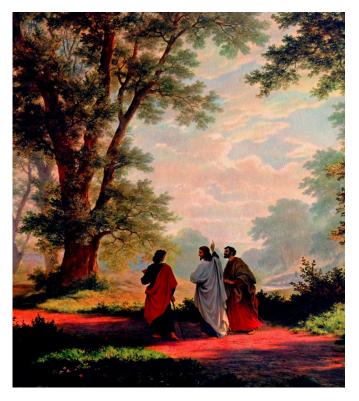
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!		
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness		
Our gifts as of April 28, 2021		
OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$630,000.00</u>	
OFFERING	<u>\$323,704.00</u>	
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING		
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DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION		
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET		
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May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



Both the Old and New Testament scripture texts for this week serve to give all people of faith an enduring word of hope. These passages, and others, point us to the God who is able to make a way through life's difficulties when there is no other way—the God who brings light into darkness—the God who promises ultimate victory in spite of present day defeat—the God who calls forth life from the tomb.