

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 adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE He is Risen! Alan MacMillan

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa

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

Proclamation

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 Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 religious
affiliation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #20 Musical Setting C
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
Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offer-
ing 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

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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

+DOXOLOGY #94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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"
LANCASHIRE

+BENEDICTION

Minister: We are sent forth in the power of
Christ's resurrection.

All: Alleluia!

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all now and forever more.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

+POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory Tom Birchwood

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.



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

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of April 28, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....\$630,000.00

OFFERING.....\$323,704.00

OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING

YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND

GLOBAL MISSIONS.....\$100,153.00

Coming from:

DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION

GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....\$54,538.00

(20% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SPONSORED MISSIONS.....\$25,000.00

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL

PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....\$20,616.00



LIGHTHOUSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

of
BOCA GRANDE

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.