

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 and
celebrate adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE God, Give Us Christian Homes
B.B. McKinney/ arr. Cindy Berry
Philip Eyrich - Piano

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton

SHARING THE LIGHT Elisabeth Gadd
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #617
"I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

+OPENING PRAYER
O God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as surpass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we,
loving you in all things and above all things, may
obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can
desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. **Amen.**

+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
A Mother's Eyes Reflect the Love of Heaven Stephen Jones
Jackie Allen - Soloist

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
**Holy Spirit, you constantly stir the hearts of others from
far and near to join us in your church. Stir our hearts as
we hear your Word that we may faithfully and joyfully
receive all whom you send our way. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALTER #818 Psalm 98 Response 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 5: 1-6 NT Page #227
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #445 "Happy the Home When God Is There"
(vs. 1-2) ST. AGNES

+GOSPEL LESSON John 15: 9-17 NT Page #103
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #445 "Happy the Home When God Is There"
(vs. 3-4) ST. AGNES

SERMON Abiding in Love The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

We respond by affirming our praise, lifting our prayers
and praising the triune God.

+THE NICENE CREED
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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 "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.**

+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 #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" DENNIS

+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 God of Grace and God of Glory David H. Hegarty

*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

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 Virtual Committee Meetings

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - Church Council - 2:00 PM - Via Zoom

Sharing the Light Florida United Methodist Children's Home



Today we welcome Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home who will be providing an update to the congregation on this mission.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse
Ushers: Bradford and Anna Boney
Acolyte: Bradford Boney, Jr.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of May 3, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<u>\$630,000.00</u>
OFFERING.....	<u>\$329,956.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	<u>\$100,455.00</u>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<u>\$54,538.00</u>
(21% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL	
SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	<u>\$20,917.00</u>



May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

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



Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter and we honor those who are mothers and mother figures in our lives. The reading from 1 John encourages us to be obedient in the faith and conquer the victory of Christ in our lives. The Gospel reading admonishes us to abide in the love of God and to bear the fruit of righteousness in our lives. Knowing that God has chosen us in God's love so we are to love one another.