# 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.



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

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" RENEWER 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

1 John 5: 1-6

Response 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

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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

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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

Abidina 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

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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!

reach out to you!
Name
Address
City
Zip Phone
Email
How long have you attended LH Church
1st time guest 2nd time gues
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 Chair

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.

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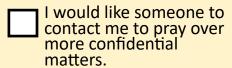
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PRAYER REQUESTS ARE HONORED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED OTHERWISE.
PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED AT

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. 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.



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



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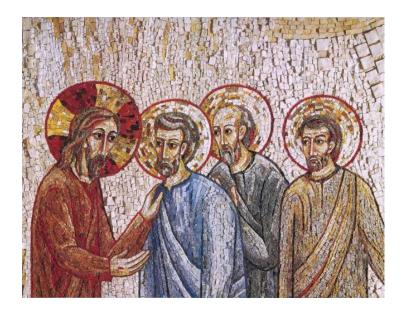
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of May 3, 2021
OPERATING BUDGET\$630,000.00
OFFERING <u>\$329,956.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND
GLOBAL MISSIONS\$100,455.00
Coming from:
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET
(21% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
SPONSORED MISSIONS
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUALCONGREGATIONAL
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.