

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 Crown Him with Many Crowns James Denton
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

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.
Our life is hidden with Christ in God.
He who descended is also ascended far above the
heavens, that he might fill all things.
**When Christ, our Life, appears,
we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #312

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" LLANFAIR

+OPENING PRAYER

O God, the King of glory. You have exalted your only
Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom
in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us
your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that
place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God
in glory everlasting. **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

When I Return Marta Keen, arr. Jay Althouse
Duet: Jackie Allen, David Hamblin

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the
throne of heaven: as we are formed by your word, help
us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the
Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALTER #781 Psalm 47 Sung Response

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 1:1-11 NT Page #110
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"
(vs. 1-2) HENDON

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53 NT Page #85
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #163 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"
(vs. 3-4) HENDON

SERMON With Great Joy 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,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**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 #157 "Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

+BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

And may the blessing of God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, go with you now and be
with you forevermore.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

+POSTLUDE He is Exalted Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes
Philip Eyrich - Piano

**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.

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.

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

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available throughout the summer. Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Ray Smedley at snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com or Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of May 10, 2021

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

OFFERING.....\$351,393.00

OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING

YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND

GLOBAL MISSIONS.....\$111,199.00

Coming from:

DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION

GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....\$56,883.00

(21% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL

PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....\$29,316.00



**LIGHTHOUSE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

of
BOCA GRANDE

May 16, 2021

Ascension Sunday

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



Forty days after Easter is the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we observe this festival. In many traditions, the Feast of the Ascension is one of the holiest and most celebrated moments in the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is a day for celebration because all the work that Jesus came to do has been accomplished, and he returns to the right hand of God the Father. On this final Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Jesus's ascension and remember Jesus promised that his disciples would be "clothed with power from on high" to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.