

# 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 Renews Us by Your Spirit! Dale Wood  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE LIGHT** Sarah Suwak  
Young Life

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends  
to burn in our hearts anew.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence  
blowing afresh throughout the world.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

Across the barriers of language and culture,  
Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance  
as we search for the Spirit of Truth.

**Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #500

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

### +OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,  
ignite within us a fiery passion  
for your mission in the world today.  
Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame,  
that we may feel your kindling blaze within,  
urging us to do your greater good.  
Make us wholly present to experience a new birth,  
and awaken possibilities within us  
to share your love in the world.

In this love and abundance,  
we come to celebrate your harvest—  
a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit  
within us.

Show us how to use these gifts,  
as we listen for your truth  
in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. **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** Spirit of God Donald Hustad  
David Hamblin - Soloist

## Proclamation

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, open your words to us  
and ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children  
with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath  
of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PSALTER** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b OT Page #525

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 2:1-21 NT Page #111  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #393** "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD  
(vs. 1)

**+GOSPEL LESSON** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NT Page #104  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #393** "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD  
(vs. 1)

**SERMON** Connection The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

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

### +THE NICENE CREED #880

**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**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**OFFERTORY HYMN #333**  
"I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"  
I'M GOIN'A SING

**+DOXOLOGY #94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Sending Forth

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

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #539**  
"O Spirit of the Living God" FOREST GREEN

**+BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
May the power of the Holy Spirit  
transform you with the healing fire  
that unifies the world.  
Let the wind of that first Pentecost  
teach you of God's grace, love, hope,  
and mystery.  
With tongues of flame,  
may you be marked for Christ.  
Go out in faith and abiding love.  
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**+POSTLUDE** Fughetta on "Morecambe" Fred B. Binckes

Today's altar flowers are given in honor of  
the Day of Pentecost, as we celebrate  
the Birthday of the Christian Church.

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life  
and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
of Boca Grande.



## 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](mailto: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](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com) or contact the church office at [info@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, pasta, bar soap, shampoo, laundry pods. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### 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](mailto:snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com) or Ellie Durno at [durno1@comcast.net](mailto:durno1@comcast.net)

### Children's Home Fifth Sunday Offering

Next Sunday, May 30, is Children's Home Fifth Sunday Offering. When you contribute to this offering, you allow Children's Home to carry on a life changing ministry that they have been committed to since 1908. Your Fifth Sunday Offering helps provide Florida's most vulnerable children and youth a safe place to call home. Please support this important United Methodist ministry with your gifts this upcoming Fifth Sunday.

## Serving Today

Liturgist: Jane Caple

Ushers: Jim and Ruth Paschall

Acolyte: Hampton Boney

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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 May 18, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	<u>\$630,000.00</u>
OFFERING.....	<u>\$363,955.00</u>
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	<u>\$131,200.00</u>
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	<u>\$76,884.00</u>
(31% 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>\$29,316.00</u>



**LIGHTHOUSE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*of*  
**BOCA GRANDE**

*May 23, 2021*

**Pentecost Sunday**

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



Today we celebrate Pentecost, often known as the church's "birthday." The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for "fiftieth day." Its origins relate to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God's giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter.