

# 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 our adoption as God's forgiven children.

**PRELUDE** For The Beauty Of The Earth  
(incorporating Allegro non molto from Concerto No. 4 in F minor  
("Winter") - Conrad Kocher/Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Matthew McConnell  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 148  
Let praise to God resound in the heavens!  
**Let praise to God fill the earth!**  
Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!  
**Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!**  
Open your hearts and spirits today.  
**Let us praise the Lord today and always!**

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN FWS #2008**  
"Let All Things Now Living" THE ASH GROVE

**+ OPENING PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you  
have called us together this day, drawing us from  
darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits  
rejoice at the good news you have for us today.  
Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this  
in Christ's Name. **Amen.**

**+SUNG 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.**  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.  
Glory to you!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Peters

**MINISTRY IN MUSIC** Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart  
Frederick C. Atkinson, arr. Lloyd Larson

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**  
Risen Lord Jesus, your wounds declare your love for the  
world and the wonder of your risen life: open our hearts  
now to hear your holy word; in your name we pray,  
Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 11:1-18 NT Page #122  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION FWS #2223**  
"They'll Know We Are Christians" ST BRENDAN'S

**SERMON TEXT** John 13:31-35 NT Page #102  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

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

## Response

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

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #882** An Easter Affirmation  
I believe in God – Who works in the hidden stillness of every dawn;  
Who beckons us to visit the tomb of our fears  
so we might discover the birth of hope;  
Who sends recurring dreams, spring flowers, good friends and bright  
angels with messages of joy and possibility.

I believe in Jesus, the risen Christ – Who meets us on every path;  
Who greets us with respect, names and calms our fears,  
and bids us walk and talk as children of Light;  
Who always goes before us and beside us into our workplace, play  
space, the space in between, cyberspace, even outer space.

I believe in the Holy Spirit – Who gathers us together into a kindred  
community; Who nudges our prayers, kindles our longings,  
and prompts our praise. Who works through the lame and the late,  
the wrinkled and the newborn, the hurting and the hopeful;  
the broken and the bruised, the young and the used, the sure and  
confused.

I believe in the church – The belonging, hearty-singing and passionate,  
caring fellowship of believers, seekers and finders.  
I believe we are called to be Easter people –  
Challenging despair with glowing hope,  
acting peacefully in the midst of painful Good Fridays,  
and living joyfully in the midst of hard realities. This I believe. Amen.

**HYMN OF ADORATION #347** "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to you, O Lord  
**Lord, have Mercy**

### 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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**OFFERTORY** Here, Oh My Lord, I See Thee  
Edward Dearle, arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

**+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**  
Holy God, we offer you these gifts that we freely give out of  
the joy of our salvation. Consecrate them by the power of  
your Holy Spirit and make them useful in your Kingdom, locally  
and around the world. **Amen.**

## Sending Forth

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

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #548**  
"In Christ There Is No East Or West" MCKEE

**+BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**+POSTLUDE** Joyous Praise Unending  
Lani Smith

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life  
and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
of Boca Grande.  
2022 Pledge Cards are available in the pew back pockets.

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The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony,  
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at [info@bgighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bgighthouseumc.com).



Welcome! We'd like to help you get con-  
nected. 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)

### Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available should you need to speak with one. Please contact Ellie Durno at [durno1@comcast.net](mailto:durno1@comcast.net) to arrange a visit or call.

### Worship Services

Worship Services will be offered each week at 10:00 AM with nursery service available for both babies and toddlers during all services.

### Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along their faith journey in the **WILD Center** where kids **Worship, Inspire, Learn,** and **Disciple**. Children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us following the 10:00 service Children's Message for Sunday School. Fourth grade and up meet in the Leopard Lair following service for a brief bible study discussion while adults gather in Fellowship Hall.

### W.A.G. (Wednesday Afternoon Games) Club for Kids

W.A.G. Club will continue through the end of June in Fellowship Hall from 3:00-4:30 for students in grades K – 5 to enjoy our new Obie game system, floor games, board games, and a light snack. Students do not need to be a member of the church to participate and the program is free of charge for all. We will take a break in July and August, then resume in September.

### Englewood Helping Hand Food Bank

Members of our Mission Committee continue to collect non-perishable food items for the local food bank's ever-expanding need. Please place your donations in the blue barrels in front of the church and the administrative offices. If you have non-perishable items as you're packing to head north, call Jane Caple at 941-223-2371 to arrange a delivery to her house.

### UMW 2023 Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival closet is bare. So, if you are cleaning house before heading north, be sure to think about donating to an organization that serves women and children in need in the local area. We welcome household items, jewelry, books, artwork, toys, games, children's items (except clothing) and furniture. To make a delivery, please contact Jan Myers at 941-964-0562 and leave a message. She will get back to you.

### William Warber Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, May 27 at 11:00am to honor Bill's memory.

## Serving Today

**Ushers:** Susan Hanafee and Ian Rogerson  
**Liturgist:** Jane Caple  
**Hospitality:** Kathi Hustedt and Irina Brightly  
**Acolyte:** Mary Katherine Boney

## Contact Us

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!  
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of May 9, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$645,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$374,428.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$221,298.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$ 92,756.00
(36% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$95,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$ 33,542.00



May 15, 2022

10:00 AM Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



In today's reading from Acts, the Apostle Peter reports to the church in Jerusalem his vision from the Lord. He tells of a voice from heaven that proclaimed the wideness of God's kingdom, saying, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." Peter realizes he is not to make distinctions between believers because God had given the gift of the same Spirit to them all. With Peter we might ask, "If God has given the same gift, who are we to hinder God?" In the Gospel lesson, Jesus describes what resurrection life should be, saying, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." The kingdom of God is characterized by sacrificial love.