

# 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** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
Anna Laura Page  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** The Easter Acclamation from Psalm 24  
Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

Come! Let us worship and praise God.  
**The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**  
Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.  
**Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.**  
Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.  
**Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**  
Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.  
**And we will dwell in God's house forever.**

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

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #732**  
"Come, We That Love the Lord" ST THOMAS

**+ OPENING PRAYER** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader  
With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundance even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. **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

### MUSICAL SELECTION

## Proclamation

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**  
**Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: as we are inspired by your word today, strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Psalm 23 OT Page #474-475  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION #136**  
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" CRIMOND

**SERMON TEXT** Proverbs 31:26-27 OT Page #579  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** Dan Christopherson  
President, Christ for Cuba  
Southwest District Coordinator

## Response

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

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR MOTHERS DAY** Larry Hannah  
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** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader  
Let us give to God out of the joy of our salvation. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah  
John Hughes, arr. Lloyd Larson

**+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** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader  
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 #381**  
"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

**+BENEDICTION** Rebecca deRosa, Lay Leader

**+POSTLUDE** A Festal Postlude John G. Barr

Today's altar flowers are given by Gloria Mitchell in honor  
of John Mitchell's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
The Mother's Day Flowers are graciously offered to us by  
the Southwest District Mission Program, Inc.

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.

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.bgighthouseumc.com](http://www.bgighthouseumc.com) or contact the church office  
at [info@bgighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bgighthouseumc.com).

## 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)

### 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 our game room 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 nonperishable 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.

### Lighthouse Men's Prayer Group

The men's prayer group meets on Thursdays from 8-9am in the new church conference room. All men are invited to come and participate in praying for members of our church family. Please join us!

### 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: Kathi Hustedt, Joan Senior  
Liturgist: Jane Cooke  
Acolyte: Matthew teVelde

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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 2, 2022

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$645,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$368,186.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$221,299.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$ 92,756.00
(37% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$95,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$ 33,543.00

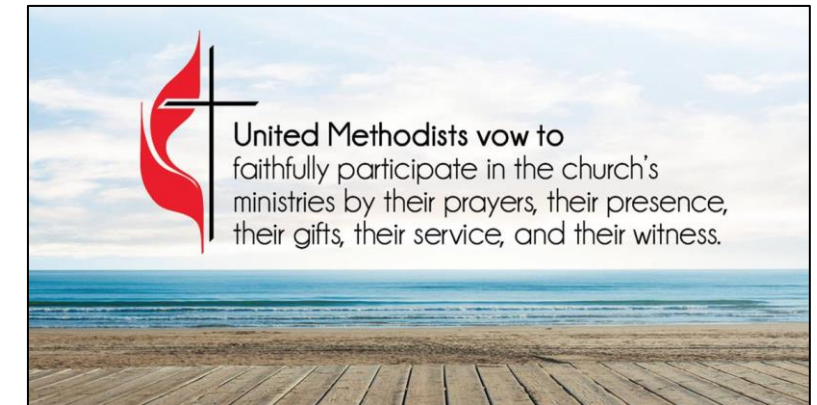


May 8, 2022

10:00 AM Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



Today we welcome Dan Christopherson of the Southwest District Missions Program. The Southwest District Mission Program, Inc. was formed from the parent organization, Methodist United in Prayer, and is backed by the Florida United Methodist Church Conference. The Southwest District has been traveling to Cuba since 1997. In 2007, Dan Christopherson and his wife, Janet, went to Cuba for the first time, and the experience left a lasting impression. In 2009, Dan took a leap of faith and volunteered to become the new District Coordinator.