

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 prelude signals the beginning of worship.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* Dale Wood

+GREETING

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!

Leader: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

People: Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.

Leader: God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

All: Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #79

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" vs 1-4
Gosser Gott

+CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: Lord, You know how easy it is for us to be tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus's Name.

(All pray in silence)

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In The Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI #70 *Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #186 "Alleluia" vs. 1-3 *Alleluia*

CHORAL ANTHEM **When I Return** Choir
Marta Keen/arr. Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan
(Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A)

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

MORNING PRAYER

WE HEAR THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 16: 9-15 Pew Bible NT Page 127

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #540
"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" vs. 1-3

+GOSPEL LESSON John 14: 23-29 Pew Bible NT Page 103

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #540
"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" vs. 4-5

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HOMILY Listening to Embrace Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *O,How I Love Jesus* Robert Hughes

+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!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Come Down, O Love Divine Ralph Vaughn Williams

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion. All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward and take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. You are welcome to kneel at the altar for prayers following receiving communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17 Musical Setting A

THE LORDS' PRAYER

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Jesus, I Come George C. Stebbins

Medley: 1 There's Something About That Name
2 The Longer I Serve Him William J. Gaither

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #555
"Forward Through the Ages" *St. Gertrude*

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* David H. Hegarty



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
- Other

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 _____

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

WELCOME!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives!

NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is access through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse UMC as a professing member, please contact the Administrative Offices at 941-964-2479.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES

Beginning mid November, 2016 Stephen Minister classes will be offered at Lighthouse Church. Participants will be equipped and enabled to reach out to members and the community. Stephen Ministers are taught how to respond with Christian love to people who are hurting, discouraged, stressed, confused, broken, bereaved, hospitalized or facing a life challenge. Are you a compassionate good listener? Please call the church office at 941-964-2479 if you would like to experience the rewards of becoming a Stephen Minister.

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Twelve Churches is seeking medical professionals to join a team traveling to León, Nicaragua the week of October 15-22. We currently need 2-3 doctors and 3 nurses to serve in a medical clinic. Non-medical professionals are also needed to serve in the clinic, or in other areas throughout the week. The clinics are set up through our partner churches, which makes this a great opportunity to work alongside them and show their communities that their churches care about both their spiritual and physical well-being. If you are interested in being a part of this team and being a part of what God is doing in León, Nicaragua, please contact Sheila Dorst at 941-964-0934 or 614-448-8369. Visit twelvechurches.org to learn more about the ministry.

YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Friday at 5:30 PM. Contact Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of April 24, 2016

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$496,000.00</u>
PLEGDED TO DATE	<u>\$388,030.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$231,271.00</u>

SPECIAL THANKS FOR SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY!

Ushers: Kay and Chris Rembold

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse

Hospitality Hosts: Mary Ann Roelse, Jean & Al Nethery

Choir Director: Carol Elwood

Accompanist: Al Nethery

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher



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A Stephen Ministry
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Betty Jean Legg, Financial Assistant

Tiffany White, Sexton



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Lydia always had "open house" for the saints of God and her home became a center of Christian fellowship in Philippi with perhaps the first Christian church being formed therein.

In the reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be their companion, teacher, and peace-giver. It is in this power that the disciples will carry message of the Gospel to the whole world. In today's reading from Acts, Paul sees a vision to return to Macedonia, and goes in the power of the Spirit. There, the Holy Spirit was already preparing Lydia to receive the message of the Gospel. Upon listening and receiving the Gospel message, her entire household was baptized.