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. For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (9:55 AM)

Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn **Gordon Young** Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

> Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God. Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high. From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God. Let us all be jubilant with joy!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #312

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Llanfair

+OPENING PRAYER

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #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. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #572 vs. 1.3

"Pass It On"

Pass It On

MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION

"Who Would You Like to be at Your Table?" Larry Allen

MESSAGE IN SONG

The Mansions of the Lord Jackie Allen and David Hamblin Nick Glennie-Smith

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (See insert)

William Blevins

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ promised the power of the Holy Spirit to be upon us: as we hear your scriptures today, may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through Christ who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 1: 1-11

Pew Bible NT Page 110

Pew Bible NT Page 85

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

HYMN OF PREPARATION #66

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" vs. 1-2 Laura Anima

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24: 44-53 The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

HYMN OF PREPARATION #66

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" vs. 3-4 Laura Anima

SERMON "Bearing Witness" Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1 "Spirit Song" Spirit Song

MORNING 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Offertory on "Melita" Alfred V. Fedak

+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

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #698

"God of the Ages" National Hymn

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

May the abundance of God bless you, the strength of Christ keep you, and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, shine upon you forever. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful

Homer Whitford

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!	
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	Phone
Email	
How	long have you attended LH Church
	1st time guest 2nd time gues
	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

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 UP-DATED AT 941-964-2479

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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church through viewing our sermons at www.bglighthouseumc.com, and, our Sunday Morning service at 10:30 AM is Live Streamed on our church Facebook page. You can find this at www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc. We hope that these avenues enable you to continue to worship and stay connected with our congregation over the summer.

CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE SHUT DOWN

Both the church building and the adjacent building that houses the church administrative offices will be closed for the entire week of June 12-16 for pesticide treatment purposes. If pastoral care is required during that time please contact Reverend Williams at mwilliams@bglighthouseumc.com, or Pastor Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com

WARREN WILLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMP

The Island Youth Group Grades 9-12 will be attending Warren Willis Camp July 17-22. Please contact Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com if you would like to join us, but HURRY! Slots are being filled quickly!

WELCOME TO DR. AND MRS. RINI HERNANDEZ!

Please join us in welcoming the District Superintendent for the Southwest District of the Florida Conference of United Methodist Churches, Dr. Rini Hernandez and his wife, Magalis!

PLEDGE COMPARISON

2017 Pledges 2016 Pledges

Total # of Pledges 82 78

Total Amount \$434,498.00 \$369,630.00

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Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of May 21, 2017
OPERATING BUDGET \$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED \$214,276.00
MISSION GIVING \$94,454.00

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

Usher: Marjorie Moore

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reecher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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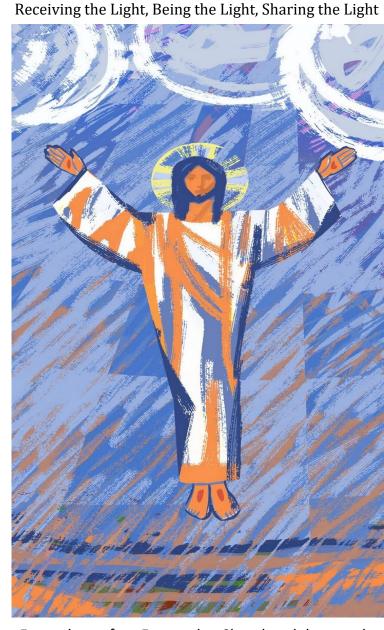
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May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday



Forty days after Easter the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus as described in Acts, Luke, and Mark. Today we mark this celebration. 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 day of the Ascension as 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.