

Service of Worship

8:30 and 10:30 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.

A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (8:25 & 10:25)

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 Nick Kaiser
10:30 David Senior

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #577

“God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM Rhondda

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister and Congregation

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance

+RESPONSE

Grosser Gott

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name thee, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

+SONG OF PEACE “I Love You, Lord”

Sung twice

I Love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

Tabitha Jordan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC (8:30)

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *Arr. Jack Schrader*
Ross Witschonke, Soloist

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30) Come to the Banquet *Joseph M. Martin*
Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation

Eternal God, as we are inspired by your word, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 Pew Bible NT Page 156
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #295

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” vs. 1-3 *Rathbun*
The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 2: 13-22 Pew Bible NT Page 87
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #295

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” vs. 4-5 *Rathbun*

HOMILY

Weakness Stronger than Strength Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs. 1)

“Spirit Song” *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Dale Wood

+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

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church is an open communion.

All are invited to partake regardless of denomination or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward, take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #23

Musical Setting D

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.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Cleansing Fountain
Chorale on “St. Christopher”

Edward Broughton
Lani Smith

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #297

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *St. Christopher*

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Psalm 19 “The Heavens Declare”* Benedetto Marcello

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 UMC?

- 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 Fellowship 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 _____

Please remember that prayer requests are honored until notification is received otherwise. Please keep us updated so that the prayer lists are current. Call 941-964-2479 or email appearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

Thank you!

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. A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions. Please join us for refreshments between the services 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!

ISLAND YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday nights at 6:00PM

MOM'S NIGHT OUT—Mondays at 5:30
March 5 & 19, April 9 & 23 and May 7 & 31
Contact Tabitha Jordan with questions and for more information.

PASTOR'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Williams will be offering a Lenten Bible Study during the season of Lent every Tuesday until March 27, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 noon. The studies will be based on the book *24 Hours That Changed the World*, which focuses on the last day of the life of Jesus. The sessions will conclude with a short lunch of soup and bread. Books are \$15.00 and are optional. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and indicate if you'd like to purchase a book.

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

A Charge Conference has been called for Thursday, March 8, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the conference is to receive recommendations for changes to the Endowment Committee Bylaws, to appoint a Chairperson of the Endowment Committee, and to consider a pastoral housing recommendation from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. The Charge Conference is comprised of members of the Church Council. Charge Council Members please RSVP to appearsall@bglighthouseumc.com or 941-964-2479.

WELCOME REVEREND GARY MASON

The SW District and Lighthouse Church will host Rev. Gary Mason on Monday, March 19, from 10:00 AM- 12 noon. A Methodist minister from Belfast, Ireland, Mason played an integral role in the Northern Irish peace process. Rev. Mason has spoken at political and religious gatherings across Ireland, the Middle East, South American, South Africa, the U.S., and Europe, sharing about peace building and conflict resolution. His lecture is entitled: "Peace Building in a Faith Context." All are welcome!

UMW TASTING LUNCHEON

Save the Date! Monday, March 19th, 11:30-1:00
Please join us in Fellowship Hall and enjoy a selection of fine cheeses and pate's, as well as a delicious chocolate dessert, all from The French Artisan in Punta Gorda. Beverages will be provided. \$20/person mailed to Gloria Mitchell— PO BOX 1758, Boca Grande, FL 33921 by March 16th...no refunds after the 16th.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ANOTHER GREAT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL! BRAVO AND WELL DONE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness
Our gifts as of February 25, 2018

OPERATING BUDGET	\$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$193,925.00
MISSION GIVING	\$7277.00

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

Ushers: 8:30—Sheila & Bob Dorst

10:30—Mary Foree & Larry Hannah

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: 8:30—JoAnn & Jim Nordlie,
Candy Rost & Courtney Borntraeger

10:30— Bob Schoenfeld & Tabitha Jordan,

Dian & Richard Klepser

Liturgist: 8:30—Nick Kaiser

10:30—Ray Smedley

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Al Nethery, Accompanist

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



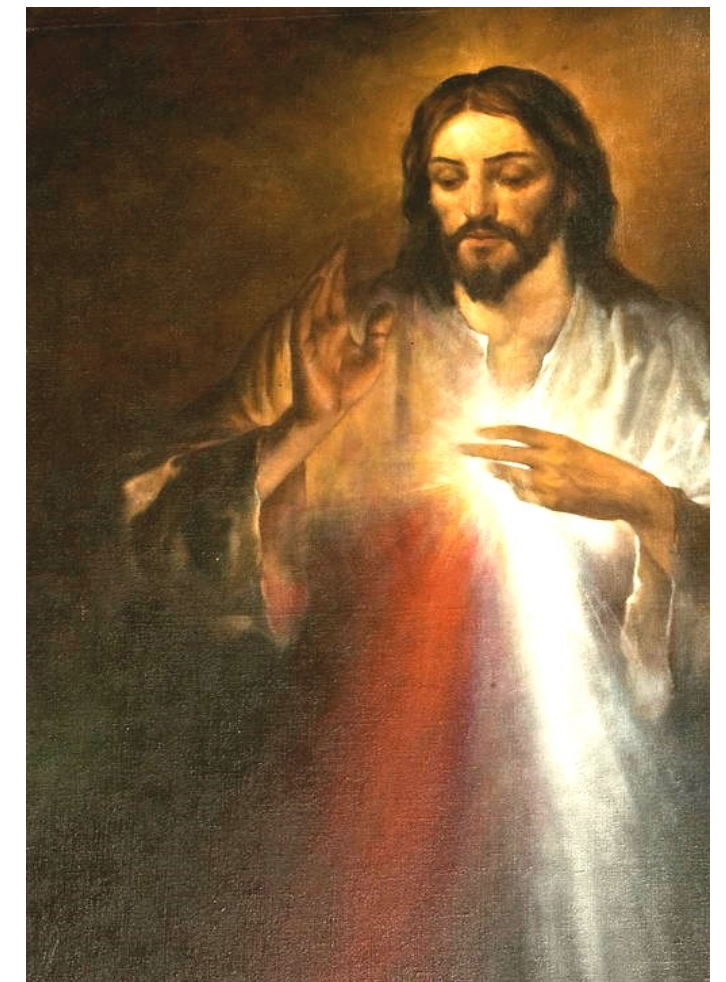
BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT

COMMUNION SUNDAY



The season of Lent invites us to turn inward and reflect on the depth of human sin. The fourth gospel's account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple indicates that sin abounds in the very places where holiness should be most evident. Jesus' criticism of the moneychangers is not an unworldly assertion that money has no place in a place of worship. It is a prophetic act that points out how money is supposed to serve the cause of promoting faith, whereas in this case religious practice has been enlisted for the service of making money, and at the expense of vulnerable people. Just as sin infects the holiest of places, so it infects every aspect of our lives—as Paul ruefully says, "For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." What are the ways you see sin manifesting in your own life? Where are the places you encounter God's grace?