

# 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.

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

## We Gather Around the Word

**PRELUDE** *What a Friend* David H Hegarty  
*Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**+ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
*The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
*May he fill our hearts with joy!*

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #57**

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* Azmon

**+INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

*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. Amen.

**+OPENING PRAYER**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

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

## We Hear the Word

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation  
Risen Christ, you are the vine of our faith. As the scriptures are read, give us ears to hear and hearts to receive your abiding truth. Abide with us, that we may understand what your Spirit is saying, and make our joy complete in you. Amen.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Acts 10: 44-48 Pew Bible NT Page 122  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God*

**+GRADUAL HYMN #617**

*"I Come with Joy"* vs. 1-3 *Dove of Peace*

**+GOSPEL LESSON** John 15: 9-17 Pew Bible NT Page 103  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God*

*The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.*

**+GRADUAL HYMN #61**

*"I Come with Joy"* vs. 4-5 *Dove of Peace*

**HOMILY**

*"Abide"* Pastor Tabitha Jordan

## We Respond to the Word

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881** The Apostles' Creed

**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 and ever. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY** *Meditation on "Beach Spring"* Robert Lau

**+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 #370** *"Victory in Jesus"* *Hartford*

**+BENEDICTION**

**+POSTLUDE** *The Master Has Called Us* Franklin Ritter

## 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 [apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:apearsall@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 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!

### WARREN WILLIS UMC SUMMER CAMP

Experience a high-energy, life-changing week at one of eight weeks of classic overnight camp. Rising 4<sup>th</sup> grade students through recently graduated seniors are invited to jump start their faiths while making lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories on beautiful Lake Griffin in Fruitland, Florida. Spend four full days zip lining, tubing, doing yoga, sailing, making crafts, learning archery, and so much more! The moments that aren't a flurry of activity are devoted to growing relationships with others and with God. Contact Tabitha Jordan with questions and for more information.

### APOSTLES' BUILD DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Thursday, April 26 UMC members Carlo DeRosa, Ed Paxton, David Senior and Len Tatko attended a dedication ceremony in Port Charlotte for the latest Apostles' Build project. Ed Paxton served as a prayer and dedication speaker. Presiding as attendant clergy was The Right Reverend Robert Schaefer from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Boca Grande.

### REVEREND WILLIAMS GUEST SPEAKER AT EPWORTH

As a guest of the Epworth Church Association, Rev. Williams will be preaching at the Epworth Assembly Auditorium in Ludington, Michigan, Sunday morning, June 3 at 10:30 AM. He also will be leading evening Vespers and Monday Musings, which are also open to the public.

We have many parishioners whose summer homes are in driving distance to Ludington. All are welcome to attend and go for brunch at Lincoln Hills following the service. Please contact Donna Harms with questions and for more information.

### STAY CONNECTED AND STAY COMMITTED!

Don't forget that during the summer months we still need ushers, liturgist, communion stewards and hospitality hosts every Sunday. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall, thank you! And, if you are headed north for the summer don't forget to check your email for the weekly newsletter and to visit our website at: [www.bglighthouseumc.com](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc](http://www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc).

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of April 29, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$321,927.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$24,017.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,473,682.00</u>

## Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

**Ushers:** Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

**Cross Bearer:** Abigail Turner

**Liturgist:** Mary Ann Roelse

**Hospitality Hosts:** Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton



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BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



The gospel reading from John reminds us of Jesus' words to his disciples and us that, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." (John 15:9)