

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Dan Miller
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 #157
"Jesus Shall Reign" Duke Street

+OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, creator of all that is and all that ever will be. You sent your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us your love. After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call on his name. Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed, fill us now with your power and grace, that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and Spirit, of Christ. **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.

+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 Tabitha Jordan
Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)
Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: as we are formed by your word, help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at God's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING
Ephesians 1: 15-23 Pew Bible NT Page 181
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #312 vs. 1-2
"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Llanfair

+GOSPEL READING
Luke 24: 44-53 Pew Bible NT Page 85
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 #312 vs. 3-4
"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" Llanfair

SERMON God Has a Plan The Rev. Melissa Cooper

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

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER Tabitha Jordan

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
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**

WORSHIP IN MUSIC
"A Mother's Eyes Reflect the Love of Heaven" Stephen Jones
Jackie Allen, Soloist

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tabitha Jordan

OFFERTORY
Hymn Improvisation on "St. Agnes" David H. Hegarty

+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 Tabitha Jordan

We Bear the Word in the World

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #327
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Diademata

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Melissa Cooper

+POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Kingsfold"* David Paxton

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

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.

WARREN WILLIS UMC CAMP

Experience a high-energy, life-changing week at one of eight weeks of classic overnight camp. Rising 4th 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.

STAY CONNECTED AND STAY COMMITTED!

Please remember that during the off season we still need ushers, liturgists, hospitality hosts, and communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. And, don't forget to visit our Lighthouse Church website at bgighthouseumc.com and listen to and view each week's sermon during the summer months. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bgighthouseumc to see the weekly sermon in real time.

WELCOME REVEREND MELISSA COOPER!

Rev. Melissa Cooper is an ordained United Methodist deacon in the Florida Annual conference, and she has nearly a decade of experience in camp and retreat ministry leadership. Melissa works with churches around the country to develop inter-generational systems and has spoken at numerous local, regional and national events on the subject of intergenerational ministry and cross generational faith formation.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

"The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father." ~ Samuel Taylor Coleridge

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of May 6, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$341,456.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$26,971.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,556,032.00</u>

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

Ushers: Pam & Larry Hannah

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Ray Smedley

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett

Hospitality: Brenda & Tom Story



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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

May 13, 2018

Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



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 of the liturgical year; it is also among the most ancient of Christian traditions. The Church holds that the day of Ascension is 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.