A Service of Word and Table 8:00 AM

Gathering

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for

ever. Amen.

+PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and

to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Hearing the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

+GOSPEL LESSON

HOMILY

MORNING PRAYER

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.

All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation

At the conclusion of the liturgy please come forward and receive a wafer,

dip it into the cup, and partake.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

+THE DOXOLOGY

POSTLUDE

Service of Worship
9:00 and 10:45 AM

We Gather Around the Word

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Eugene Englert

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Paxton

SHARING THE LIGHT

Habitat for Humanity David Senior, Mission Champion

Jan Nick, Executive Director

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 32

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #383 vs. 1-4

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" Beginnings

+OPENING PRAYER

+SUNG RESPONSE

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as

Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Tabitha Jordan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

9:00 Softy and Tenderly — Raymond Brown Nancy Garraghan, Soloist 10:45 Softly and Tenderly — Raymond Brown/arr. Tom Fettke Lighthouse Choir

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Pew Bible OT Page 188 Pew Bible NT Page 170

+GRADUAL HYMN #340 vs. 1-2

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Restoration

+GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 Pew Bible NT Page 73

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #340 vs. 3-4

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Restoration

SERMON

Coming Home

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

We Respond to the Word

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1-2

Spirit Song

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THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rex Koury

+DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We Bear the Word in the World

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

to tune 196 Hyfrydol

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

POSTLUDE Love Lifted Me

James Pethel

The beautiful paraments adorning the altar throughout this liturgical year were created by and are gifts from Pat Witschonke, Ellie Crawford and Gloria and John Mitchell

+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.

CONNECT CARD

WELCOME! We'd like to help you get connected. Please fill out this card & place it on the offering plate.

you! Name

Let us know how we can reach out to

Address _____

City _____

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 we are notified otherwise. Please keep us updated at 941-964-1479

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 last two 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!

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30 AM – A Service of Word and Table 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM – Festive Liturgical Services

UPCOMING LIGHTHOUSE UMC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Discipleship Committee Missions Committee SPR Committee Tuesday, April 2 at 10:30 AM Tuesday, April 9 at 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 9 at 2:00 PM

UMW NEWS

Save the date for our final gathering of the season; April 15th—11:30-1:00. Bring a salad to share or something that goes with salad. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This get together will also be a baby girl shower for Tabitha Jordan. She is registered at Walmart and Target. Guests are always welcome to join us!

GRANDE GLEE PRESENTS:

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – performed by Grande Glee and benefiting the La Vega School, Dominican Republic. April 2-4, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Tickets can be purchased at www.bocagrandetickets.com. If you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with using a computer please call the Administrative office at 941-964-2479.

CHURCH WORK DAY

The Board of Trustees has scheduled Saturday April 6 from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM as a work day to accomplish general clean up, maintenance and storage organization around the church. Additional help is always needed. If you would like to join in this effort, please contact Steve Kieffer at 964-8191 or steve.kieffer@yahoo.com and let him know you would like to help.

HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BARRELS

There is still time to donate to the Harry Chapin barrels that are located on Third St. and Gilchrist Aves. UNOPENED packages of dry and canned goods only, please.

TODAY IS A FIFTH SUNDAY!

Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Children's Home. When you contribute to this offering, you allow us to carry on the life changing ministry of the Children's Home. Please use the enclosed envelope for your offering—thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness Our gifts as of March 24, 2019

2019 OPERATING BUDGET
PLEDGES OFFERING PLAT

PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED MISSION GIVING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN \$600,000.00 \$266,267.00 \$63,853.00 \$1,795,106.00

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

Ushers: 9:00—Rosemary McIntosh 10:45—Dian & Richard Klepser Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner Acolytes: Lachlan Barrett and Ian Egbert

Liturgists: 9:00 – Brit Hume, 10:45 – Bo Hamrick Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton Hospitality Hosts: Pam & Larry Hannah, Judy Sandbo

& Julie Wahoff



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Al Nethery, Accompanist
Cindy Crespo, Sexton
Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent receiving the light, being the light, sharing the light



In today's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches how we all stray from the Lord's love as prodigal sons and daughters, with terrible consequences. Yet when we humbly repent, we find that God is already running to embrace us and to restore what is dead to life. In Christ we are a new creation, and our sin and shame are stripped away.