

# 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.  
The congregation will speak the liturgy in bold print.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE** *Lord, Be Glorified*  
Bob Kilpatrick, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ed Paxton

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** Candy Rost, Lector

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to the God's holy name!**

I will extol you, My God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

**+OPENING PRAYER** Candy Rost, Lector

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Peters  
Coordinator of Family Ministries

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC** *Praise Medley*  
Ross Witschonke, guitar and vocals; Philip Eylich, piano

## Proclamation

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (In unison) Larry Hannah, Liturgist

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Larry Hannah, Liturgist  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Linden Hustedt  
John 15:1-8  
Video Clip

The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**HOMILY** Linden Hustedt  
Lay Leader

**MUSICAL SELECTION**  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)*  
Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

## Response

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES** Linden Hustedt  
Lay Leader

**HYMN OF ADORATION** *Spirit Song*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Candy Rost, Lector

Jesus said, 'If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.' Let us now approach him with confidence:

Risen Lord, you came as a sacrifice for our sin. Give us faith to accept this act of love, so that we turn from all human efforts and drink in the atoning righteousness of your death and resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you are the true vine and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy. Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, have mercy on your earth and supply its needs. Where people are hungry, give food. Where people are in distress, comfort them. Where people are in trouble, bring order and peace. And turn the whole world to you in faith, repentance and praise.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, focus our love on people we know with special needs. Heal those who are unwell, particularly those on our prayer list, and others in need whom we now name silently in our hearts... (brief silence)  
Lord, in your mercy.  
**hear our prayer.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for hearing us and caring for us in all our needs. Constantly intercede for us before our heavenly Father, and open our eyes that we may see him through you. We ask all this in your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now let us pray as the Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to pray:

## 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.**

## Sending Forth

**+BENEDICTION** Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**+POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Lani Smith

**Today's altar flowers are given by Jim and JoAnn Nordlie in honor of their wedding anniversary.**

**Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande.  
An offering basket is located at the entrance of the Sanctuary.**

## 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  
 Membership

## 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 UPDATED AT  
941-964-2479**

# Welcome!

We are honored that you are here! If you are a first time guest, please pick up a gift mug as a token of our gratitude for your presence here today. All are welcome into the congregational life, ministry, and membership of Lighthouse United Methodist Church. For information on baptism and membership, please contact us at info@bglighthouseumc.com

### Men's Fellowship Group—New Meeting Date

The Men's Fellowship Group will now be meeting every Thursday at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### UMW News

The UMW November and December gatherings have been cancelled. The UMW Board will be meeting soon to determine how to proceed in the new year. Stay tuned!

### Sanctuary Flowers

To beautify, you are invited to place flowers in the chancel for Sunday Services. The total for two arrangements is \$75.00. To place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the form in the weekly newsletter or contact the office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

### Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium

The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit www.bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at info@bglighthouseumc.com.

### Shoebox Gifts for Kids' Needs of Englewood

This year, Lighthouse Church will be filling shoe boxes with gifts for Kids' Needs of Englewood. Please take a box or two on leaving the church. Boxes will be distributed for Christmas in early December. Contact Jean Steinman or Becca deRosa for more information.

### Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, November 17, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

### Mission Committee Meeting

The Mission Committee will meet Thursday, November 19, at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom.

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

# Serving Today.

Liturgist: Larry Hannah  
Lector: Candy Rost

## Contact Us

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of November 10, 2020

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$643,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$478,824.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$346,801.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET (18% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	\$89,140.00
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED MISSIONS.....	\$70,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$187,661.00



## November 15, 2020

### Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*Receiving the Light,  
Being the Light,  
Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ*



We bear fruit not by squeezing it out of ourselves but because we are extensions of the vine, pruned by the gardener-God who wants us to be fruitful and to be drawn into the unity of the Father and Son. God's love, presence, and pruning are gifts. If we want to bear Jesus' fruit, then we choose to abide in him and his love.