

## 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!

### NURSERY

We welcome children to our worship experiences. If, during the service, you need a quiet place to take your children, please ask the ushers for directions to the Cry Room, which is accessed through the Fellowship Hall. The service can be seen and heard in the Cry Room, enabling a meaningful experience for guardians and children.

### BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse United Methodist Church as a professing member, please contact Amanda Pearsall at [apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please ask the ushers for directions to Classroom A, where elementary school aged children will experience hands on learning during the service. Volunteers needed! Please contact the church administrative office at 941-964-2479 if you can help!

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new Church Directory is in the works! Please see JoAnn Nordlie in Fellowship Hall between services to sign up for an appointment to have your photos taken. The dates for photo shoots are: February 14, 22, 28 & March 8, 13, 21, 24 and 28. Please call JoAnn Nordlie at 941-855-9272 with questions and for more information.

### HOPE FOR HAITIANS

You are invited and encouraged to come to the Hope For Haitians fund raising event to build 27 homes for Haitian families this Tuesday February 16, at the Gasparilla Inn Beach Club. 6:00 pm Social Hour and bidding on artwork from Haiti, at 7 pm Guest speaker Leann Chong will share her experience of survival in the 2010 Haiti earthquake. Also a video of the families who moved into the 33 homes the Boca Grande community built this past year.

### NEXT SUNDAY

February 21, Second Sunday in Lent  
Psalm 27, Luke 13: 31-35  
"Some Travel Required"

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

**Ushers:** 8:30—Mary Foree and Judy Thomas

10:30—Chrys & Doug Hyde

10:30—Mary Ann Roelse

**Hospitality Hosts:** Kathy & Tom McGreal/Nancy & Chuck Baker

**Choir Director:** Carol Elwood, **Accompanist:** Al Nethery

**Audio Visual Technology:** Liam Hugger

**Children and Youth Ministry:** Cheryl Schum & Leslie Barrett



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— B O C A G R A N D E —  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

February 14, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



"Mercy" - created by artist Julianne M. Kalbaugh for All Souls Charlottesville as a reflection on the season of Lent

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, when we are invited to examine the roots of our Christian discipleship and identify with Jesus' journey to the cross. The early Sundays are a wilderness time—an opportunity to go deep into our hearts and the souls of our communities, to recognize the depth of our estrangement from God, and to begin systematically to put things right.

# Service of Worship

## 8:30 & 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  
and register your attendance in the registration pad.  
The prelude signals the beginning of worship.

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Joncas

+RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
People: **And renew a right spirit within me.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #116

"The God of Abraham Praise" Leoni

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Rock of our salvation, we know the faults we try to hide  
from you and those around us.  
We have not always cared for all people in the same way.  
We think some are more gifted, or better, or lovelier.  
We would much rather celebrate with someone than bear  
the suffering of another. Grant us your mercy.

Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, so that our eyes  
might be opened to see how others truly live.  
Enlarge our hearts, with the gentleness of your touch,  
so we might embrace the opportunities we have to serve.  
Open our ears, so we can listen to what Jesus Christ teaches  
us, about your love and grace for our lives.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe this good news:  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+RESPONSE #297 Beneath the Cross of Jesus vs 1 *St. Christopher*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you  
People: **And also with you**

+SONG OF PEACE #295

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" vs. 1 & 4 *Rathbun*

CHORAL ANTHEM How Firm a Foundation Choir  
(10:30 AM) Dale Wood

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 "Spirit Song" vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*It is our honor to pray with you and for you. If you have a prayer re-  
quest that you would like listed on our prayer list, please fill out a prayer  
card and place it in the offering plate.*

All: 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, the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

## WE HEAR THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 91 Pew Bible OT Page 518

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #269

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs. 1-3 *Land of Rest*

*\*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 Luke 4: 1-13 Pew Bible NT Page 57

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God  
People: **Thanks be to God**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #269

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" vs. 4-5 *Land of Rest*

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON Questions in the Wilderness Reverend Matthew M. Williams

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Reverend Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *O Jesus, Thou Art Standing* David Paxton

+SONG OF THANKSGIVING # 298 vs. 4 *Hamburg*

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING Ray Smedley

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #252 to tune 514

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" Webb

+BENEDICTION

Leader: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing God  
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you, and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE *Lord of Our Life* Lani Smith

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT

By offering your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, we are able to  
meet the physical and spiritual needs of our local congregation and our  
missional initiatives locally and internationally. We thank you for your  
investment and pray that God's Kingdom will continue to come among you!