

# 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

God calls us together to offer praise and  
celebrate our adoption as God's forgiven children.

**PRELUDE** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Jason D. Payne  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34:1-8  
I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth  
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together!  
**I sought the Lord, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Look to God and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
**The poor cried out, and the Lord heard,  
and saved them out of all their troubles.**  
The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear God, and delivers them.  
**O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Happy are those who take refuge in God!**

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #122**  
"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" ROEDER

**+OPENING PRAYER** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with each of you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray:

Open our eyes, Lord.  
Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our  
blindness.  
Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness.  
This day, as your word is proclaimed,  
let our hearts and souls respond with joy.  
Transform our lives to do your will.  
In Jesus' Name, we pray.  
**Amen.**

**+SUNG RESPONSE** "Glory Be to God, Creator" RENEWED  
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, holy, Prince of Peace,  
holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Kathy Peters

**MINISTRY IN MUSIC** Softly and Tenderly Will L. Thompson, arr. Joel Raney  
Philip Eyrich – piano

## Proclamation

The Word is encountered in speech and song  
as scripture is interpreted and expounded.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)**  
Compassionate Father, in whose service lies perfect  
freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts as your  
Spirit opens your Word to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**EPISTLE LESSON** Hebrews 7:23-28 NT Page #208  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #452** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" vs. 1-2 OLIVET

**+GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 10:46-52 NT Page #44  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**+GRADUAL HYMN #452** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" vs. 3-4 OLIVET

**SERMON** Seeing the Water on Both Sides The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

We respond by affirming our faith, lifting our prayers,  
and praising the triune God.

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed  
Traditional Version

**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;  
he descended into hell;  
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.**

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
The congregation is invited to read and pray for the needs  
on the prayer list at this time.

**HYMN OF ADORATION #347** "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Larry Hannah  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our 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** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

**OFFERTORY** Be Thou My Vision Dale Wood

**+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** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Sending Forth

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth  
with God's blessing to lives of service and love.

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN #368** "My Hope Is Built" THE SOLID ROCK

**+BENEDICTION** The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**+POSTLUDE** "Open My Eyes" Robert W. Thygerson

Thank you for your ongoing investment in the life  
and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church  
of Boca Grande.

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The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony,  
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at [info@bgighthouseumc.com](mailto:info@bgighthouseumc.com).

## Connect Card



Welcome! We'd like to help you get con-  
nected. 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**

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

## 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](mailto:info@bglighthouseumc.com).

### Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are available throughout the summer.  
Should you need to speak with a Stephen Minister, please  
contact Ray Smedley at [snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com](mailto:snidleywhiplash114@yahoo.com) or  
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### Family Ministry Program

Lighthouse UMC is honored to walk with our children along  
their faith journey. We do so through the **WILD Center** where  
kids **Worship, Inspire, Learn,** and **Disciple**. We strive to bring  
Bible stories to life, guide them in going to God in prayer, and  
grow their personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus loves them  
and so do we!

### Sunday School Change

Children in fourth grade and up are encouraged to attend  
worship service with their families. They will then meet with  
Ms. Kathy in the Leopard Lair following service (with  
refreshments included) from 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM for a brief  
Sunday School Bible Study discussion while adults gather in  
Fellowship Hall.

### Obie Game System

Thank you to all who have supported the Obie Fund for the  
Sunday School students. We have currently raised \$2,400 of  
the needed \$3,000!

### Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, November 2 at 1pm  
in Fellowship Hall.

### Joyful Noise Sunday

Sunday, October 31 is the fifth Sunday of the month and our  
children will be collecting loose change for their ZOE  
Empowers Group.

### All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Day on November 7. All are  
welcome to bring fresh flowers to grace the chancel.

### “Welcome Back” Bluegrass Sunday

The Annual Bluegrass and Barbecue Sunday will be held on  
November 14 with gospel music and mouth-watering  
barbeque. A suggested donation of \$25 per person will help  
cover costs. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## Serving Today

**Ushersp:** Jane and Ron Wittenberg  
**Liturgist:** Peter Soderberg  
**Hospitality Hosts:** Nicole and Jim Benson  
**Acolytes:** Sophie and Ella Benson

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**Gabriela Crespo, Nursery Attendant**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!  
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of October 19, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$500,582.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$208,043.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$109,381.00
(22% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$73,662.00



October 24, 2021

Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

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



In Mark we see Jesus showing the fullness of  
God's compassion to those who are suffering,  
with Jesus gently asking blind Bartimaeus what  
he would like from him. In humble faith  
Bartimaeus asks for his sight, which Jesus is  
pleased to heal. In the letter to the Hebrews,  
Jesus' high-priestly ministry is further described,  
with the astonishing truth that Jesus lives to this  
day to pray and intercede on behalf of those  
he loves. These passages reveal that God  
intimately walks alongside us when we suffer.