

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

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!

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We welcome all children and teenagers into the life and ministry of this congregation. For more information regarding our children's and youth ministries please contact Ruth Amen at 941-276-0654 or Cheryl Schum at 336-391-0133.

MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Every Wednesday a brief Holy Eucharist with healing prayers will be held in the Chancel from 11:45 am–noon. All are welcome!

2015 ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year's Charge Conference takes place Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:00 and is being hosted by Edgewater UMC in Port Charlotte. All are welcome to attend this important annual event! Please call the office for more information.

POTLUCK POSTPONED

Due to many scheduling conflicts, the Potluck Supper that was scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, has been postponed until sometime after January. Updates to follow

Next Week: Sunday, November 1
Holy Communion
All Saint's Day

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

Ushers: David and Joan Senior

Acolyte: Hannah Amen

Cross Bearer: Grant Reecher

Liturgist: Ed Paxton

Ministry in Music: Al Nethery

Hospitality Hosts: Lindy and Kathi Hustedt

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger

Children and Youth Ministry: Cheryl Schum & Leslie Barrett



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BOCA GRANDE

Lighthouse Church

A United Methodist Congregation

October 25, 2015

Receiving the Light, Sharing the Light, Being the Light



In today's gospel lesson a blind man ironically shows true perception by calling out loudly and casting himself on Jesus' mercy for healing. The lessons from Job and Hebrews also emphasize God's mercy. In Job, God blesses the very source of Job's suffering, and in Hebrews we are offered encouragement in our struggles with the words that Jesus "always lives to make intercession" for us.

Service of Worship

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

+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 *Meditation on "Arlington"* Mary McDonald

+RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be encouraged! Take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

People: **From the storms and struggles of life we come.**

Leader: Be encouraged! Rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

People: **From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**

Leader: Be encouraged! Open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given a blessing.

People: **Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #452

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Olivet

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

Leader: Let us unite in this historic confession of our Christian faith:

All: **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.

+GLORIA PATRI #70 "Glory Be to the Father" 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

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

+SONG OF PEACE #572 "Pass It On" vs. 1, 3 *Pass It On*

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 request 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, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Pew Bible OT Page 462

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 7: 23-28 Pew Bible NT Page 208

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

+SONG OF PREPARATION #170

"O How I Love Jesus" vs. 1,2, *O How I Love Jesus*

**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 Mark 10: 46-52 Pew Bible NT Page 44

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

+SONG OF PREPARATION #170

"O How I Love Jesus" vs. 3 *O How I Love Jesus*

+PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

SERMON "Let Us See Again"
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Take the Name of Jesus with You* arr. Cindy Berry

+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 THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #110

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *Ein' Feste Burg*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

Leader: May the light of God illumine our heart and soul!

May the flame of Christ kindle you to love!

May the fire of the Spirit free you to live!

This day and forever.

All: **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE *Epilogue* Steven Scott

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!