

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.

For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

(9:55 AM)

The Gift to Be Simple

Dale Wood

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

We commune with Christians around the world,

with Christians throughout time.

With Christians across geography and across time,

Let us worship!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #77

"How Great Thou Art"

How Great Thou Art

+OPENING PRAYER

For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #666

"Shalom to You"

(sung two times)

Shalom

SPECIAL MUSIC

There is a Balm in Gilead

David Hamblin, Soloist

Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3: 1-14

Pew Bible NT

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #529

"How Firm a Foundation"

vs. 1-3

Foundation

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

Matthew 21: 33-46

Pew Bible NT

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #529

"How Firm a Foundation "

vs. 4-5

Foundation

SERMON

"Pressing On"

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

*universal

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70

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.

Meineke

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

vs. 1

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

Tabitha Jordan

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

OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation

Todd Kendall

+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

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #413

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

Boylston

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams


We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

Gilbert M. Martin

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

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 UP-
DATED AT 941-964-2479**

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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. 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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

SUMMER USHERS, LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED!

PLEASE consider offering your gifts during the summer by ushering, reading the scripture, or serving as communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or contact Amanda at 941-964-2479/ apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church through viewing our sermons at www.bglighthouseumc.com, and, our Sunday Morning service at 10:30 AM is Live Streamed on our church Facebook page. You can find this at www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc

JOIN REVEREND MATTHEW AND JOY WILLIAMS

Bible Land Exploration Pilgrimage: October 24-November 2, 2017
Journey in the footsteps of Jesus and learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the 'Fifth Gospel'. Contact www.EO.travel, 800-247-0017 for more information about this exciting opportunity! Brochures are in the Fellowship Hall

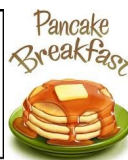
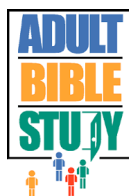
FLORIDA CONFERENCE EASTER PILGRIMAGE TOUR OF ITALY

Led by Bishop Carter, travelers will visit Venice, Assisi, Siena, Florence and Rome while studying the Gospel of Mark and the legacy of Peter during April 3-12, 2018. Included: All inclusive pricing, domestic and international airfare, breakfast & dinner daily, all program and entrance fees, deluxe motor coach transportation, first class hotels and guided tours. Visit the Florida Conference website for more information.

<http://www.flumc.org/opportunitydetail/8868904>

<http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/it18-f#.WYsNI1GGOU>

ASK HOW YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE EXCITING MINISTRIES AT LIGHTHOUSE UMC!



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

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Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



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October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



In today's lesson from Philippians, Paul likens the journey of faith to a race, encouraging the disciples in Philippi to strain forward and press on to the heavenly goal of Christ. All other earthly desires and dreams fall away and are transformed when we reorient our perspective around God's perspective. The parable of the wicked tenants in Matthew is a warning to any who presume they are entitled to salvation by suggesting that many of God's people have not produced worthy fruit for the kingdom.