

# 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.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou My Vision* Noel Rawsthorne  
*Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant. Holy and awesome is God's name.  
**Praise the Lord!**

#### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* Beecher

#### +OPENING PRAYER

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### +GLORY BE TO GOD, CREATOR

**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, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Tabitha Jordan

### WORSHIP IN MUSIC

*I Believe* Drake, Graham, Shirl & Stillman  
Jackie Allen, Soloist

## Proclamation

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

**Holy God, you search us and know us: turn our hearts toward you, and send your Spirit now to show us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 3: 14-15 Pew Bible NT Page 201  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

#### +GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18: 1-8 Pew Bible NT Page 76  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

*"Persistence in Proclamation"* The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

#### +HYMN OF RESPONSE #526

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* Converse

#### +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #889

From Timothy 2: 5-6, 1:15, 3:16

### CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

#### HYMN OF ADORATION #347

*"Spirit Song"* vs. 1 *Spirit Song*

#### MORNING PRAYER

#### THE LORDS' PRAYER #895

#### OFFERTORY

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* 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

## Sending Forth

#### +RECESSIONAL HYMN #593

*"Here I Am, Lord"* *Here I Am, Lord*

#### +BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

*Numbers 6: 24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

#### +POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Webb"* Jason D. Payne

## 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

The beautiful paraments adorning the altar throughout this liturgical year were created by and are gifts from Pat Witschonke, Ellie Crawford and Gloria and John Mitchell

## 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!

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.

**VISITORS, PLEASE PICK UP A GIFT MUG IN THE NARTHEX  
AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!**

### UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Weldon Rogers – Monday, November 25 at 11:00

Dick Cuda – January 31 at 11:00

The rite of burial will follow each service at the Columbarium.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider volunteering your talents to serve as ushers and/or liturgists and /or communion stewards. Sign up sheets and instructions are in Fellowship Hall – thank you!

### HOLY YOGA 2019

October 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20 December 4, 11

9:00 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

### SAVE THE DATE FOR ANOTHER "WELCOME BACK" BLUEGRASS SUNDAY – November 3 at 10:00 AM

Join us at the 10:00 service on Sunday, November 3 for more Blue Grass Music from favorite local band "Swinging Bridge" and a BBQ dinner in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$15.00 per person is appreciated. All are welcome! Catering provided by "Blacken Blues BBQ". A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

### HOLIDAY SHOEBOXES MISSION OPPORTUNITY

This year the filled shoeboxes will be going to Kids' Needs of Englewood. Each box will contain instructions and suggestions. Please contact Becca DeRosa or Jean and/or Bill Steinman with questions and for more information.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of October 13, 2019

2019 OPERATING BUDGET	\$600,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$449,603.00
MISSION GIVING	\$144,161.00
UMW MISSIONS	\$69,000.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$1,795,756.00

## Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

**Ushers:** Jane & Ron Wittenberg

**Acolytes:** Children's Ministry

**Hospitality Hosts:** Beverly Furtado & Len Tatko

**Sunday School:** Daniyelle Duke

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton



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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

October 20, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



Persistence is a common thread linking the lectionary passages for today. In 2 Timothy, Paul urges followers of Christ to be persistent in proclaiming the good news, even in unfavorable times and places. The gospel lesson from Luke details the story of the persistent widow who sought justice again and again until the judge relented and granted her request. God's persistence and the widow's persistence reveal the tenacity of love and faith.