

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 adoption as God's forgiven children.

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* from Virginia Harmony, arr. Jack Schrader

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.
Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.
Every day there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.
Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.
Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.
Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #147 *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*
ROYAL OAK

++PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God and one another:
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

+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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS See Insert
Kathryn Hutchison and Callum Fudge

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kathy Peters
Coordinator of Family Ministries

WORSHIP IN MUSIC *Change My Heart, Oh God*
Eddie Espinosa, arr. Mark Hayes

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Father God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful
in prayer and the breaking of bread, and send your Spirit
to open your word to us now; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON James 2:1-10, 14-17 NT Page #215-216
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN FWS #2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"
VS 1-2 SLANE

+GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:24-37 NT Page #40
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN FWS #2197 "Lord of All Hopefulness"
VS 3-4 SLANE

SERMON *Exhausted Hope* The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Response

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

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885 A Modern Affirmation
We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,
power and love, whose mercy is over all his
works, and whose will is ever directed to his
children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope, and the promise of
our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence
in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual
remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find
strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the
example of our blessed Lord, to the end that
the kingdom of God may come upon the
earth. 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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

OFFERTORY PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

OFFERTORY *Meditation on "Beach Spring"*
traditional American melody, arr. James Denton

+DOXOLOGY #94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.
All are invited to partake despite denominational
or religious affiliation.

COMMUNION MEDITATION *He Touched Me* William J. Gaither

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION
For the Bread Which You Have Broken V. Earle Copes
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
Katholisches Gesangbuch, ca. 1774 adapted from Metrical Psalter
I Come with Joy The Southern Harmony, 1835
harm. by Charles H. Webb

POST COMMUNION PRAYER 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 #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
THE ASH GROVE

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Go Forth in Triumph* Franklin Ritter

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



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

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

Weddings, Memorial Services, Columbarium

The Sanctuary is available for services of matrimony, funerals, and memorial services. For more information regarding facility use or columbarium inurnment, please visit www.bglighthouseumc.com or contact the church office at 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 or Ellie Durno at durno1@comcast.net

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!

Welcome to Our New Members!

Please join us in welcoming Kathryn Hutchison and her son, Callum Fudge, to our Lighthouse Church family. We feel blessed and honored that they have chosen our church family to Receive the Light, Be the Light, and Share the Light of Jesus Christ.

Cuba Event – October 2 – Christ Venice UMC

On Saturday, October 2, the Christ Venice UMC located at 1475 Center Rd, Venice, is offering a free barbecue lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rev. Rini Hernandez will be the speaker and will provide an update on the District's Ministry in Cuba. Please RSVP at christforcuba@gmail.com

Happy Labor Day!

Wishing all of you a Safe and Happy Labor Day! The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Serving Today

Liturgist: Pat Witschonke
Ushers: Ian Rogerson and Susan Hanafee
Communion Stewards: Matthew and Joy Williams
Acolyte: Callum Fudge

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of August 29, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$469,547.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$200,374.00

Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$105,211.00
(25% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	

Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00

Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$70,163.00



September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God disrupts our assumption about the world and challenges us to examine how we assign value to people. The scripture readings this morning reveal different aspects of this Kingdom perspective. In James, we are warned not to favor those who have earthly power and wealth, but rather to live out a life of active faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus radically extends the Kingdom by conversing with a Gentile woman and healing her daughter. In this we see Jesus' invitation to those who are different, lowly, or who have no voice, like the child. We too are invited to share in this radical calling of the Kingdom and to receive the love and mercy of the King of kings.