

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 *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine, arr. Lucy Ann Warriner
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 shout of God's glory!
There is beauty in this earth and in the heavens!
Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.
Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.
Come, let us praise the God of creation.
Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN FWS #2012 "Let Us with a Joyful Mind"
INNOCENTS

+OPENING PRAYER

Loving and caring God,
we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance
for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love
and truth.
May we proclaim with our tongues what
we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help
us more fully understand what it means to truly be a
disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of
the path of wisdom.
May the words of our mouths and the meditation of
our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our
redeemer.
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
Coordinator of Family Ministries

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *Indescribable* Chris Tomlin
Bradford Boney, Jr.

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Generous God, who sent the Holy Spirit upon your
Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that we
would be open to hear your holy word now; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON James 3:1-12 NT Page #216
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #424 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
(VS 1-2) MAITLAND

+GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:14-29 NT Page #42
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #424 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
(VS 3) MAITLAND

SERMON 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 Larry Hannah
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

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 *More Precious Than Silver*
Lynn deShazo, arr. Mark Hayes

+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 FWS #2284 "Joy in the Morning"
JOY IN THE MORNING

+BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* John Hutton, arr. Anna Laura Page

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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

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 personal relationship with Jesus.

We continue to have a wild time in our Sunday School W.I.L.D. Center! Throughout the month of September, our infants and toddlers in the Cub's Den will continue to "meet" and get to know Our Friend Jesus. Students K-3 will wrap up their Lego series and launch a new series, "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss". Our grades 4 and up "leopards" will continue to explore The Anatomy of the Bible, guaranteeing a WILD Time will be had by all!

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

In Memoriam



Chris Rembold

November 6, 1936 – September 2, 2021

Serving Today

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Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of September 8, 2021

OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$630,000.00
OFFERING.....	\$475,802.00
OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING	
YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND	
GLOBAL MISSIONS.....	\$202,509.00
Coming from:	
DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION	
GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET.....	\$107,296.00
(24% OF CHURCH SPENDING TO DATE)	
Plus: UMW STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SPONSORED	
MISSIONS.....	\$25,000.00
Plus: DIRECT INDIVIDUAL CONGREGATIONAL	
PASS-THROUGHS TO OUR MISSIONS.....	\$70,213.00



September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



The risen Lord Jesus has triumphed over the powers of sin, evil, and death. In today's Gospel reading we see Jesus' complete authority over evil spirits as with one command he restores a boy to full health. Jesus explains to his disciples that it is only through prayer that miracles can be accomplished in his name. The power of words is also highlighted by James, who cautions us against disunity and urges us to guard our tongues.