

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 More About Jesus John R. Sweney, arr. Lani Smith
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rebecca deRosa

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN FWS #2004

"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" HYFRYDOL

+OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
from the King's Chapel Prayer Book

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with
each of you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God, make the door of this house wide enough
to receive all who need human love and
fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy,
pride, and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling
block to straying feet, but rugged and strong
enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway of
your eternal kingdom. You who have given
us this heritage, grant us grace gratefully to
receive it, wisely to use it, and faithfully to
continue it, to your glory and our salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein
Becca DeRosa, vocalist

Proclamation

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Loving Father, whose glory is around and within us: may
we approach you in joy as your children and be open to
the moving of your Spirit now; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 1

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN FWS #2092

"Like a Child"
(VS 1-2)

LIKE A CHILD

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN FWS#2092

"Like a Child"
(VS 3)

LIKE A CHILD

SERMON

One Such Child

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 unending 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

Larry Hannah

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 Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp, arr. Nigel Williams

+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 #581

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

BEACH SPRING

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Laudate Dominum"

Charles H.H. Parry, arr. Edward Broughton

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and ministry of Lighthouse United Methodist Church
of Boca Grande.**

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at info@bglighthouseumc.com.**



Connect Card

Welcome! We'd like to help you get con-
nected. 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. We do so through the **WILD** Center where kids **W**orship, **I**nspire, **L**earn, and **D**isciple. 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!

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!

The Cub's Den

Sunday School for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers

Fun with Gabriela!

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| September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26 | Finding Jesus | Walk With Jesus | My Friend Jesus | Dance with Jesus |
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The Bird Cage

Sunday School for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Lego Lessons: Some Assembly Required

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| September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26 | Make Something New | Finishing the Build |
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New Series! The Gospel According to Seuss

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| September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26 | Me & You: Children of God | Green Eggs & Ham: Don't Be Judgy |
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The Leopard Lair

Sunday School for 4th Grade and Up

Anatomy of the Bible

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| September 5 | September 12 | September 19 | September 26 | History Section, Part I | History Section, Part II | Poetry Section | The Major Prophets |
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Serving Today

Ushers: Ed Paxton and Rebecca deRosa
Liturgist: Mark Wetmiller
Hospitality Hostess: Carol Stewart
Acolyte: Will Duke

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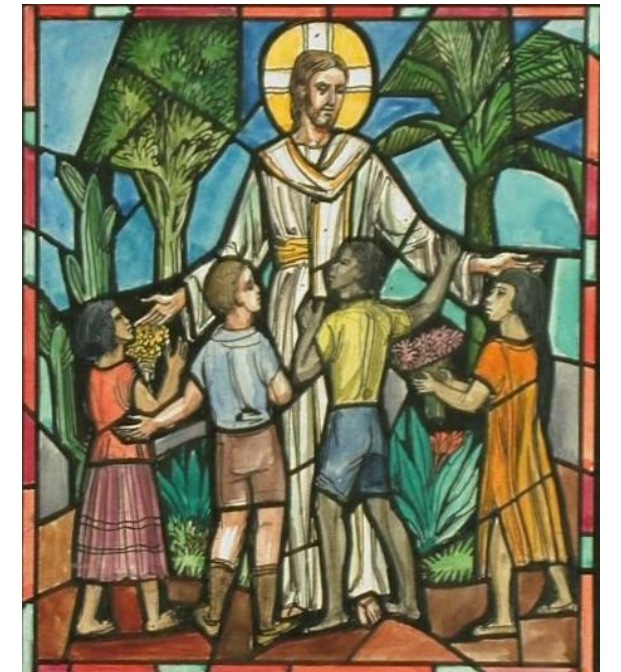
| THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT! Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness Our gifts as of September 13, 2021 | |
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| OPERATING BUDGET..... | \$630,000.00 |
| OFFERING..... | \$476,253.00 |
| OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS..... | \$202,509.00 |
| Coming from: | |
| DIRECT SPONSORED MISSION GIVING FROM THE CHURCH BUDGET..... | \$107,296.00 (23% 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 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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



In today's Gospel passage Jesus chides his disciples for clinging to early illusions of power as they argue over who will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. In Jesus' Kingdom, those who are last will be first, and those who humbly serve will be blessed. This is the way of the Cross, as Jesus foretells his own death and resurrection that opens the way for us to live as God's children. Likewise, the passage from James calls us to resist the devil by rejecting selfish ambition and living lives of gentleness born of the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.