

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.
A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (9:55)
Holy Ground/Great Is Thy Faithfulness Geron Davis /W. M. Runyan
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 #581
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” Beach Spring

+CONFESSION AND PARDON
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #70 Meineke
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.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE
The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #503
“Let It Breathe On Me” (sung two times) Let It Breathe

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan
Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)
God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: as you inspire us by your word, remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, and give us thankful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12: 9-21 Pew Bible NT Page 151-152
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #415
“Take Up Thy Cross” vs. 1-2 Germany
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 16: 21-28 Pew Bible NT Page 17
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #452
“Take Up Thy Cross” vs. 3-4 Germany

SERMON Blessed to be a Blessing Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs. 1)
“Spirit Song” Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY
More Love to Thee William H. Doane, arr. Tom Fettke

+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

COMMUNION MEDITATION
Precious Lord, Take My Hand George N. Allen, arr. T.A. Dorsey

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church is an open communion. All are invited to partake regardless of denomination or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #17 Musical Setting A

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom dome, 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.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION
The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power Andrae Crouch
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Helen H. Lemmel
Amazing Grace arr. Edwin O. Excell

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #424
“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” The Solid Rock

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all. Amen.

+POSTLUDE O Worship the King William Gardiner

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. A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions. 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!



MOM'S NIGHT OUT STARTS SEPTEMBER 18TH!

Moms and kids eat dinner together at 5:30 and then break out into separate groups. Contact Tabitha Jordan at 941-964-2479 or tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com

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/ appearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church by viewing our sermons at www.bglighthouseumc.com. And, our Sunday morning service is live streamed on our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc

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#.WYsNI1GGOUn>

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Church Administration Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of August 27, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$343,806.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 100,230.00</u>

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

Ushers: Pat & Ross Witschonke

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Tabitha & Chas Jordan, Reverend Matthew and Joy Williams

Liturgist: Tabitha Jordan

Hospitality Hosts: Mark, Kathreen & Ava Teaney



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David Hamblin, Director of Music

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant

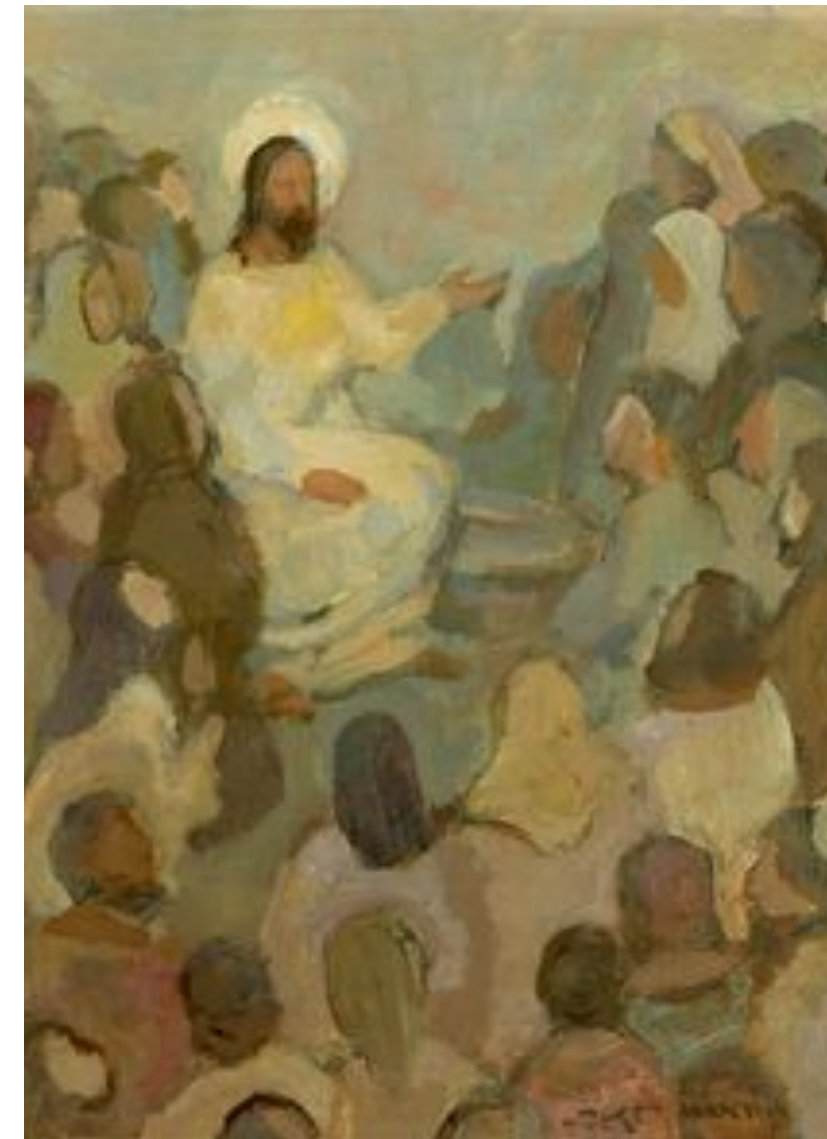


BOCA GRANDE
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September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



The reading from Romans provides practical reminders and advice for Christian living. The gospel lesson from Matthew gives guidance for how to live faithfully in the midst of community. The people of God are called to authentic listening, honest candor, and empathy.