

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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (9:55 AM)

Majestic and Glorious! Medley on “How Majestic Is Your Name”  
and “Glorious Is Thy Name” Michael W. Smith/B.B. McKinney  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the  
cries of the people.  
*Give thanks to the Lord.*  
The works of the Lord are great. Remember what  
God has done.  
*Give thanks to the Lord.*  
God has done miracles, and the Lord always  
remembers God’s covenant.  
*Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due  
the Lord!*

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #131

“We Gather Together” Kremser

+OPENING PRAYER

O God who knows our every need before we can ask,  
you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You  
bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us  
to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for  
the glory of your name. *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 twice) Let It Breathe

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ( in unison)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of  
Wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may  
See the wonders of your word; and give us grace that  
we may clearly understand and freely choose the  
way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16: 2-15: 1-8 Pew Bible OT Page 60  
The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

+GRADUAL HYMN #130

“God Will Take Care of You” vs. 1-2 Martin  
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 20: 1-16 Pew Bible NT Page 20  
The Word of God for the People of God  
*Thanks be to God*

+GRADUAL HYMN #130

“God Will Take Care of You ” vs. 3-4 Martin

SERMON

“Questioning Authority” Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended  
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic  
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

\*universal

+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.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1

“Spirit Song” Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

Tabitha Jordan

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

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Lowell Mason  
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

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #127

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM Rhondda


+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

Beloved, may God continue to bless and keep you.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit. *Amen.*

+POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Carl G. Gläzer  
Arr. Lowell Mason

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**

☐ 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.

### 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/ [apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com](mailto:apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com)

### STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church through viewing our sermons at [www.bglighthouseumc.com](http://www.bglighthouseumc.com), and, our Sunday Morning service at 10:30 AM is Live Streamed on our church Facebook page. You can find this at [www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc](http://www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc).

**THANK YOU!** For the outpouring of generous support and volunteerism during Hurricanes Harvey and Irma! Let us thank God daily for the gifts of our community and faith— loving others not just in words, but in action!

### WINIFRED (WINI) SMART QUACKENBUSH

Wini passed peacefully at the age of 85 surrounded by her loving Family after a long illness. She graduated from Pt. Pleasant Beach High School, NJ, and attended the Philadelphia College of Art and The Arts Students League of New York City. Her paintings are in private and public collections in nearly every state in in Europe, Canada, and South America. She generously donated much of her artwork to many charities. Wini founded Smart Studio Art Gallery in Northeast Harbor in 1967 and the Smart Studio Gallery in Boca Grande in 1982. She helped establish and was President of Free-Hold Art Society of NJ and Boca Grande Art Alliance. She and her husband Frederick founded a mission in the Dominican Republic called "Real Kids in Need". She was a member of the Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande, and an associate member of the Cranberry Island Community Church.

A memorial service is planned at Southwest Harbor Congregational Church at 29 High Road, Ellsworth, Maine on Wednesday, September 20th at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests Donations to help support the mission Wini loved so much: "Real Kids in Need, in care of Your Missionary Outreach, PO Box 1761, Columbia, SC 29202

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of September 17, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$386,421.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$148,789.00</u>

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

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer:** Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

**Ushers:** Susan Hanafée and Ian Rogerson

**Liturgist:** Mary Foree

**Hospitality:** Chris Carroll & Beth Paxton

**Audio Visual Technology:** Mike Hilton

**Sunday School:** Leslie Barrett



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A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation

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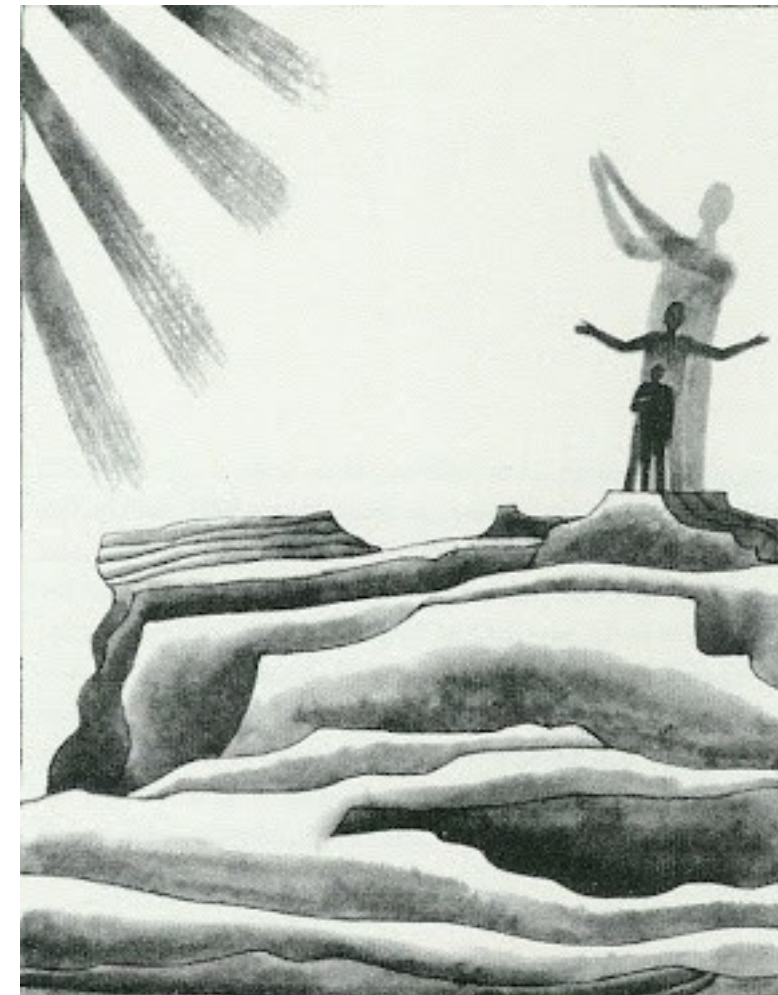


BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

September 24, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



Today's scriptures portray the people of God grumbling against God. In Exodus, the Israelites have been released from slavery, but in the midst of the desert wilderness they long for the security and routine of their life in Egypt. In Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, each of whom is paid the same daily wage despite having worked a different number of hours. In both readings, God meets the frustration of the people with generosity and provision, as God rains manna on the Israelites and reminds the laborers that their anger grows out of his generosity, not any injustice they themselves have received.