

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Traditional Irish Melody
Arr. Victor Johnson

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #152

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Forest Green

+INVITATION, 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.

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI #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 #405

"Seek Ye First"

Seek Ye

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS #33

Anna, Bradford, Bradford Jr., Hampton & Mary Katherine Boney

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3: 1-12

Pew Bible NT Page 216

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #415

"Take Up Thy Cross" vs. 1-2

Germany

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8: 27-38

Pew Bible NT Page 41

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GRADUAL HYMN #415

"Take Up Thy Cross" vs. 3-4

Germany

HOMILY Blessing and Curse: The Tongue

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

We Respond to the Word

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 (vs. 1)

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish Melody
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

+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

Fill My Cup, Lord

Richard Blanchard

Arr. Eugene Clark

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, take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

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 Gasangbuch,

Ca. 1774, adapted from *Metrical Psalter*

I Come with Joy The Southern Harmony, 1835, harm. by Chas. H Webb

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We Bear the Word in the World

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #421

"Make Me a Captive, Lord"

Diademata

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

Numbers 6: 24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

+POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Irish" from Hymns and Sacred Poems

Arr. Lani Smith

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 UMC?

- 1st time guest
 2nd time guest
 guest from out of town
 regular attendee member

I am interested in:

- Becoming a Church Member
 Youth and Families
 Small Groups
 Missions
 United Methodist Women
 Men's Fellowship 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 _____

Please remember that prayer requests are honored until notification is received otherwise. Please keep us updated so that the prayer lists are current. Call 941-964-2479 or email apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

Thank you!

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!

VISITORS, PLEASE PICK UP A GIFT BAG IN THE NARTHEX AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Don't forget that you can also go to our website and find updates to the fundraising progress for the Forward in Faith Building Campaign. www.bglighthouseumc.com

PRAYER REQUEST UPDATES NEEDED!

Prayer requests remain on our prayer lists until notification is received otherwise. Please help us to keep the lists as current as possible. If a name(s) can be removed please let us know on the prayer request form, call 941-964-2479, or email apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

ONLINE GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE

The Lighthouse Church now has an online giving option. You may donate to the general budget or for specific purposes. Please visit www.bglighthouseumc.com/resources more.

THE CROSS AND THE FLAME: Conversations with Bishop Carter

Bishop Carter is holding a regional gathering based on the theme: The Cross and the Flame, Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30, at Harvest UMC— 14305 Covenant Way Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202, 941-907-7333. All are welcome.

JO VAN ZOEREN MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held Saturday September 29 at 11:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI. Memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, the Kalamazoo Public Library Children's Services, or a charity of your choice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness

Our gifts as of September 9, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$436,003.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$55,618.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,753,256.00</u>

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

Ushers: Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Lynn & Steve Kieffer

Liturgist: Pat Witschonke

Hospitality Hosts: Susan Hanafee & Ian Rogerson

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light
September Series: "Jesus' Bold Little Brother"



In today's Gospel passage Jesus chides his disciples for clinging to earthly 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. The passage from James calls us to tame our tongues and live lives of gentleness born of the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.