

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

Happy Are They Who Walk with the Lord David E. Gawthrop

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Who is wise and understanding among us?
Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.

Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!
We draw near to you as we worship.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #598

"O Word of God Incarnate" Munich

+OPENING PRAYER

We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God: forever and ever. *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 First

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Holy God, you search us and know us: turn our hearts toward you and send your Spirit to show us the way to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3: 13—4: 3, 7-8a
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Pew Bible NT Page 216

+GRADUAL HYMN #561 vs. 1-3

"Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

St. Agnes

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 30-37

Pew Bible NT Page 42

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 #561 vs. 4-6

"Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

St. Agnes

SERMON

Jesus' Bold Little Brother
Week Four: Drawing Near to God
The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

We Respond to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885

A Modern Affirmation

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

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.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, continued...

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.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

MORNING 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

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee Foundery Collection, 1742
Arr. Cindy Berry

+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 #581

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" Beach Spring

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Rise Up and Serve the Lord
Arr. Patricia Lou Harris

William Walter

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.

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

STAY CONNECTED AND STAY COMMITTED!

Please remember that during the off season we still need ushers, liturgists, hospitality hosts, and communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. And, don't forget to visit our Lighthouse Church website at bgighthouseumc.com and listen to and view each week's sermon during the summer months. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bgighthouseumc to see the weekly service in real time.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lighthouse Church is now offering two Sunday School classes for our children. The 5th-8th graders class will meet before church from 9:00-9:40 in classroom B with Pastor Tabitha Jordan. Our K-4th graders Sunday school class will begin after the Children's Message during the Sunday Service with Leslie Barrett in classroom A. Please ask the ushers for directions to each classroom.

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.bgighthouseumc.com/resources more.



Donations on behalf of UMCOR in support of the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Florence can be placed in the offering plate or sent by check to The Lighthouse Church, PO Box 524, Boca Grande, FL 33921. Please indicate "Hurricane Florence Relief" in the memo section. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of September 16, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	\$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$438,717.00
MISSION GIVING	\$55,668.00
UMW MISSIONS	\$59,840.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$1,753,356.00

Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

Ushers: Jackie & Larry Allen

Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Mary Foree

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Hospitality: Pat & Ross Witschonke



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Cindy Crespo, Sexton



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



In today's passage from James we learn of the fruits of holy wisdom and how these fruits promote peace among followers of Christ. In the Gospel passage from Mark, Jesus instructs his disciples that the first will be the last, and that his followers show their compassion by welcoming little children among them.