

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
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

If it had not been God who was on our side,
The troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?
Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?
Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?
Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.
Call upon God, creator and rescuer.
God is on our side.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #185

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" *Laudes Domini*

+OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us.
Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, 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, heal us by opening the eyes of our hearts, so that they may be enlightened with your word. Change us in your holy presence. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 5: 13-20 *Pew Bible NT Page 217*
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #463 vs. 1-3

"Lord, Speak to Me"

Canonbury

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 38-50 *Pew Bible NT Pages 42-43*
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 #463 vs. 4-5

"Lord, Speak to Me"

Canonbury

SERMON Jesus' Bold Little Brother

Week Four: Are You Suffering? You Should Pray

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:

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *continued...*

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 unfailing 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.

HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

MORNING/HEALING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

His Eye is on the Sparrow Charles H. Gabriel

+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 #396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Angel's Story

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Stralsund Gesangbuch, last stanza setting by Susan Caudill

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!**

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.

"WELCOME BACK" BLUE GRASS SUNDAY AND DINNER ON THE GROUNDS!

Join us Sunday, November 11 at 10:00am for a very special service! Blue Grass Music from favorite local band "Swinging Bridge" during and after the service. BBQ dinner following the service. Reservations requested asap please! A sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall or RSVP to apearsall@bgighthouseumc.com

BAPTISM ORIENTATION MEETING

Please join us Sunday November 18th at 9:00am in the south end classroom for a fun and informative meeting about baptism! Although this is an informative meeting for kids and families, all are welcome. If you are interested please contact Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bgighthouseumc.com. A light breakfast will be provided!

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Please use the enclosed envelope and thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
Our gifts as of September 23, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$441,504.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$55,743.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,753,456.00</u>

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

Ushers: Jane and Ron Wittenberg

Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Acolytes: Lachlan Barrett & Ian Egbert

Liturgist: Linden Hustedt

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

September 30, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light

September Series: "Jesus' Bold Little Brother"



The Apostle James reminds us that the great prophet Elijah was also human like us and whose example of faith should encourage us to pray for miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus himself encourages all to join in the good work of the Gospel, so that those who are on the fringes of faith might too come and receive salvation. There is a fierce warning not to impede this work but rather to labor together in peace with whomever God has brought together to build the Kingdom of Heaven.