

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

8:30 and 10:30 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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (8:25 & 10:25) *In the Garden* Dan Miller
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 #383 vs. 1,2,3,5
“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” *Beginnings*

+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!

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

+RESPONSE *Grasser Gott*
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee, though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee, while we praise the mystery.

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

+SONG OF PEACE #295 vs. 1,4
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *Rathbun*

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30) *A Closer Walk With Thee* Choir
Stan Pethel

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30) *Tabitha Jordan*
Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)
Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: as your word is read in our midst, lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37: 1-14 *Pew Bible OT Page 759*
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #266
“Hear Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer” vs. 1-3 *Grafenberg*
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 John 11: 1-45 *Pew Bible NT Page 98*
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #266
“Hear Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer” vs. 4-5 *Grafenberg*

HOMILY Unbound Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

+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
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed Hugh Wilson

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #23 Musical Setting D

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. Amen.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION
O Jesus, I Have Promised Lani Smith
Looking Toward the Cross Gerald Peterson

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (10:30)
Ron Raedeke, Lois Raedeke, Billie Deason, Lynn Kieffer, Jean Steinman, Joan Senior, Beth Paxton, Marjorie Moore, Judy Laing

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #593
“Here I Am, Lord” *Here I Am, Lord*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *He Lives* 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 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 between the services 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!

USHERS, LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED!

Please consider offering your gifts at either service by ushering, reading the scripture, or serving as communion stewards. Contact Dian Klepser to serve as ushers, Pam Hannah to serve as communion stewards, and sign up sheets for liturgists and hospitality hosts are in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

UMW MEETING

The last UMW meeting of the season will be Monday, April 10 at 11:30 am. Please bring a friend and a salad for six to share. Selections can include: chicken, fruit, pasta, or mixed greens.

CHURCH COUNCIL, NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A Nominations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 10:00 in Classroom A. Please contact Lynn Kieffer with questions and for more information.

A Church Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4 at 2:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dan O'Connell with questions and for more information.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Mom's night out is tomorrow, Monday, April 3. Come at 5:30 to eat dinner with your kids! After dinner the Mom's will gather for fellowship together. Meanwhile Pastor Tabitha and volunteers are with the kids, singing silly songs, playing games, and hearing stories about Jesus

NEW NURSERY WORKER

We now have a nursery attendant during 10:30 service! Her name is Linda Conklin and she is an aspiring art student at Lemon Bay High School. Linda plays on the tennis team and also played volleyball on Tabitha Jordan's Junior Varsity team last year. We are blessed to have her kind heart helping us out on Sunday mornings. Please help get the word out that we are now offering this service for all those with little ones!

PLEDGED GIVING 2017

Thank you for pledging your giving. It allows the church to forecast our budget across the year. If you haven't yet pledged we invite you to do so. To date, we have **67 pledges in 2017** compared to **78 pledges in 2016**. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and in the church office. The Lighthouse Church is grateful for your investment and stewardship.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of March 26, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$143,481.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 89,054.00</u>

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

Ushers: 8:30— Madelaine & Colvin McCrady

10:30—Barbara & Dan O'Connell

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: 8:30—Pam and Larry Hannah,
Candy Rost

10:30—Sara & Curt Moll, Barbara & Bob Schoenfeld

Liturgist: 8:30—Candy Rost, 10:30—Jim Cooper

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger and Grant Reeher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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Carol Elwood, Choir Director

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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant

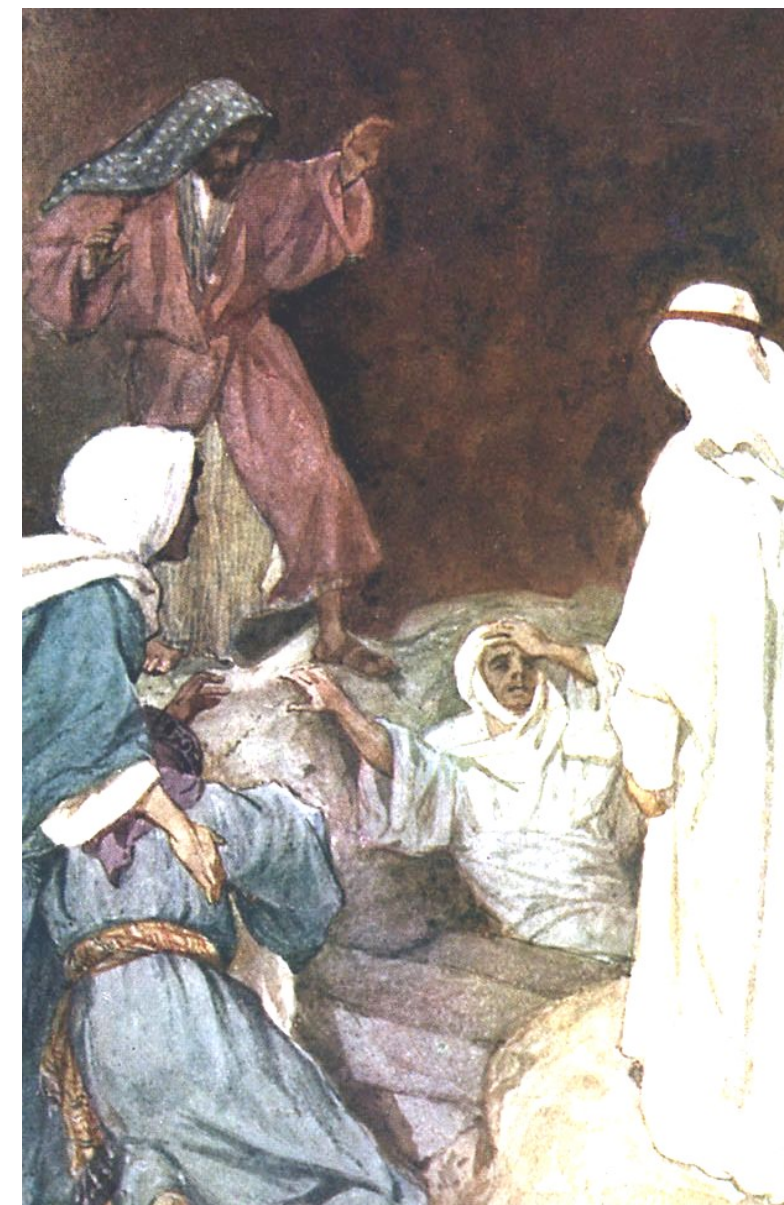


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April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Christians believe in the power of God to breathe life into places of death. The scripture lessons today testify to God's transformative power. In Ezekiel, the people of Israel are grieving. Jerusalem has fallen, and they feel hopeless in the face of death. But the passage of the dry bones is God's promise that they will be restored—the skeletons will take on flesh and be brought to health and vigor. The story in John's gospel of the resurrection of Lazarus is also a story of new life. Lazarus was dead for four days, and yet Jesus called him out of the tomb, in a foreshadowing of Easter morning.