

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 Come, Ye Faithful Robert J. Hughes
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #304

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” Regent Square

+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.

+OPENING PRAYER

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #186 “Alleluia” Alleluia

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul R. Lovland & B. Graham
Lighthouse Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: inspire us by your word and strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3: 1-7 Pew Bible NT Page 225

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #318 “Christ is Alive” vs. 1-3 Truro

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24: 36b-48 Pew Bible NT Page 85
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 #318 “Christ is Alive” vs. 4-5 Truro

HOMILY On Seeing Ghosts Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 The Apostles’ Creed

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

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Because He Lives* Wm. J. Gaither/arr. Fred Bock

+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 *Hear O My Lord, I See Thee* Edward Dearle

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 *My Savior’s Love* Albin C. Whitworth
Risen Today Franklin Ritter

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #310 “He Lives” Ackley

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Thine Is the Glory* Ryan Thomas

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:

- Having the Pastor Contact Me
 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. A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions. 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!

REVEREND WILLIAMS GUEST SPEAKER AT EPWORTH

As a guest of the Epworth Church Association, Rev. Williams will be preaching at the Epworth Assembly Auditorium in Ludington, Michigan, Sunday morning, June 3 at 10:00 AM. He also will be leading evening Vespers and Monday Musings, which are also open to the public.

We have many parishioners whose summer homes are in driving distance to Ludington. All are welcome to attend.

NICARAGUA MEDICAL MISSION TEAM Sign ups have begun for the October Medical Mission Team, traveling to Leon, Nicaragua on Oct. 13-20, to serve the Twelve Churches Community. We are looking for doctors, nurses, and non medical volunteers. The deadline to sign up is May 1. There is also a Construction Missions trip scheduled for Oct. 21-27. Please contact Sheila Dorst with questions and for more information.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

If you are not receiving the weekly email newsletter please call or stop by the office to make sure we have your most current email address. If your address is current, the problem is probably in the security settings of your email server. The church email address has changed in the past two years. Please add apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com to your email contacts list. This is the main email contact for the church. If an email server is unfamiliar with an email address it will often automatically send messages from an unknown source to the "trash" or "spam" files. Once your contact information is updated you should begin receiving the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS REVEREND WILLIAMS!

Please join us in celebrating Reverend Matthew Williams' completion of his doctoral degree from Chandler School of Theology at Emory University. Coffee and a special cake will be served in Fellowship Hall after today's service. All are welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness

Our gifts as of April 8, 2018

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$290,474.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$75,223.00</u>

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

Ushers: Mary Foree & Joan Senior

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Pat & Ross Witschonke,
Sheila & Bob Dorst

Liturgist: Candy Rost

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Carol Elwood, Choir Director

Al Nethery, Accompanist

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist
Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



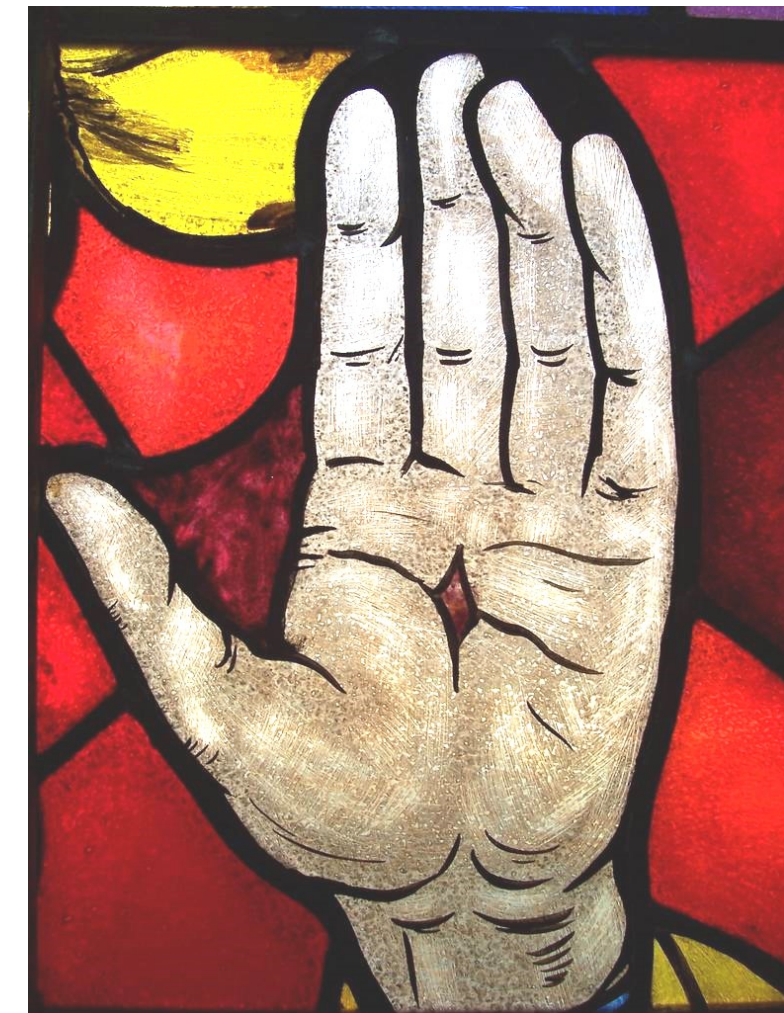
BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT

COMMUNION SUNDAY



How does the resurrection affect Christian identity and hope? The gospel lesson from Luke reveals the disciples' journey from fear and shock to joy and wonder at the presence of Jesus in their midst. Jesus shows his wounds and eats a lunch of broiled fish to emphasize this bodily resurrection—he is not a ghost, but the risen Lord. In 1 John, the author names the disciples as children of God, children of resurrection who wait with hope and assurance of Jesus' ongoing presence in their lives, even in the face of sin.