

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 O God Beyond All Praising Anna Laura Page
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 (From Romans 8: 38-39)
For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
Nor angels, nor rulers,
Nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
Nor anything else in all creation –
Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
This is the truth of what we worship:
God is love, and God’s love abides in us, and we abide with God.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #662
“Stand Up and Bless the Lord” St. Michael

+OPENING PRAYER
Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 “Bind Us Together” Bind Us Together

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan
Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WORSHIP IN MUSIC Seek Ye First Karen Lafferty
Lighthouse Choir

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: shape our imaginations as your word is read and give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

EPISTLE READING
Acts 8: 26-40 Pew Bible NT Page 119
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #397 vs. 1-3
“I Need Thee Every Hour” *Need*
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 READING
John 10: 11-18 Pew Bible NT Page 103
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #397 vs. 4-5
“I Need Thee Every Hour” *Need*

SERMON “The Branches” The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

We Respond to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continued....

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

HYMN OF ADORATION #347
“Spirit Song” *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895
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
My Jesus, I Love Thee Dale Wood

+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 #98
“To God Be the Glory” *To God Be the Glory*

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days* Robert J. Hughes

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! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

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.

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 10:30 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MINISTRY

Many thanks to all of you who participated and volunteered in a very successful six weeks of the Lighthouse Pancake Breakfast Ministry. Over 1,300 plus meals were served in six weeks with a net profit of \$5,000 for distribution. At the volunteer party the group agreed to give the proceeds to Kids Needs of Englewood and Young Life for all their help in setting up the tables every Wednesday night. The Pancake Breakfast Ministry is not only a special event of hospitality and friendship in our Boca Grande community but also supports our local missions.

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.

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 April 22, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$308,456.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$23,617.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,408,082.00</u>

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

Ushers: Sheila & Bob Dorst

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Dutch Heidsieck

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett

Hospitality: Pam & Larry Hannah, Judy & Doug Sandbo



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**A Stephen Ministry
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Al Nethery, Accompanist

Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



We bear fruit not by squeezing it out of ourselves but because we are extensions of the vine, pruned by the gardener-God who wants us to be fruitful and to be drawn into the unity with God's self. God's love, presence, and pruning are gifts. But we do choose the abiding place of our soul. If we want to bear Jesus' fruit, then we choose to abide in him, which we will learn in John 15:9 means to abide in his love.