

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)

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth G.F. Handel

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *Easter Hymn*

+OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave.

By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you.

By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity

all that we had lost through sin.

Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the

marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all

praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

+GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #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 #307

“Christ Is Risen” W Zlobie Lezy

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30)

Crown Him Lord This Easter Day! Choir

Don Besig & Nancy Price

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. As we hear your word today, sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the risen Christ. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-17, 19-24

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

Let Israel say it: God’s faithful love lasts forever!

The Lord was my strength and protection; he was my saving help!

The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous:

The Lords’ strong hand is victorious!

I won’t die; no I will live and declare what the Lord has done.

Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the Lord’s gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

The stone rejected by the builders is now the chief cornerstone!

This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!

This is the day that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it!

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-4 Pew Bible NT Page 190

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #306

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” vs. 1-2 *Victory*

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 20: 1-18 Pew Bible NT Page 108

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #306

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” vs. 3-4 *Victory*

SERMON

A Beginning that has No Ending Reverend Matthew M. Williams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #880

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

continued...

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accord -ance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

PASTORAL 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* John Gross

+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 #308

“Thine Be the Glory” *Judas Maccabeus*

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus G.F. Handel

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 UPDATED 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 small children, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

Dear sisters and brothers of the Risen Lord,

On the first Easter morning the sorrowing women come to anoint the body of Jesus and are greeted with the astonishing words of the angel: "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? He is not here. He has been raised up" (Luke 24: 5-6)

What marvelous news. The confidence of Jesus in his Father is rewarded with the conquest of the resurrection. Easter is a time of great joy. Christ, our hope, is risen! Imagine the joy of the apostles, the women, the disciples, and of Mary his Mother. All of them ready to go around the world singing God's glory and announcing his message of redemption, salvation, and love.

Today let us embrace the Risen Lord with all that we are. Christ is alive, let Christians sing! In embracing Christ and following him as our Lord and Savior, we are Easter people each and every day of our lives.

While we struggle to make this world respond to God's Reign in justice and peace, and while we struggle to banish oppression, hunger, disease and war from the face of the earth, we must nourish, through prayer and service to others, the hope we have through the Risen Christ. This is hope in the true and real promise of the Gospel, the promise of everlasting life in joy and peace with God. Let us ask the Lord to make us peacemakers in our homes and in our society.

Let us ask the Lord to make us true Christians who live the Gospel, who love the poor and care for the needy. Let us be people whose primary purpose is to build up the Kingdom of God, so that the true meaning of Easter will be realized in the lives of all human kind.

On this Easter Sunday the Risen Lord says to each of us, "Peace be with you" (John 20:29). May we know and cherish that peace and love in its vision every day of our lives.

Christ is Risen, Indeed,
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

THE CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of April 9, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$165,861.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 89,704.00</u>

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

Ushers: 8:30— Jan & Dick Myers, Elise Elliott & Jane Caple

10:30—Pam & Larry Hannah, Barbara & Bob Schoenfeld

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Liturgist: 8:30—Jane Caple, 10:30— Mary Ann Roelse

Hospitality Hosts: Candy Brooks & Jim Benson

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reecher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



PO Box 524. Boca Grande, FL 33921

941-964-2479

www.bglighthouseumc.com



www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

CONTACTS

Reverend Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor
mwilliams@bglighthouseumc.com

Tabitha Jordan, Minister to Youth and Families
tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com

Amanda Pearsall, Administrative Assistant
apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

Betty Jean Legg, Financial Assistant
bjlegg@bglighthouseumc.com

David Hamblin, Director of Music

Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Carol Elwood, Choir Director

Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant

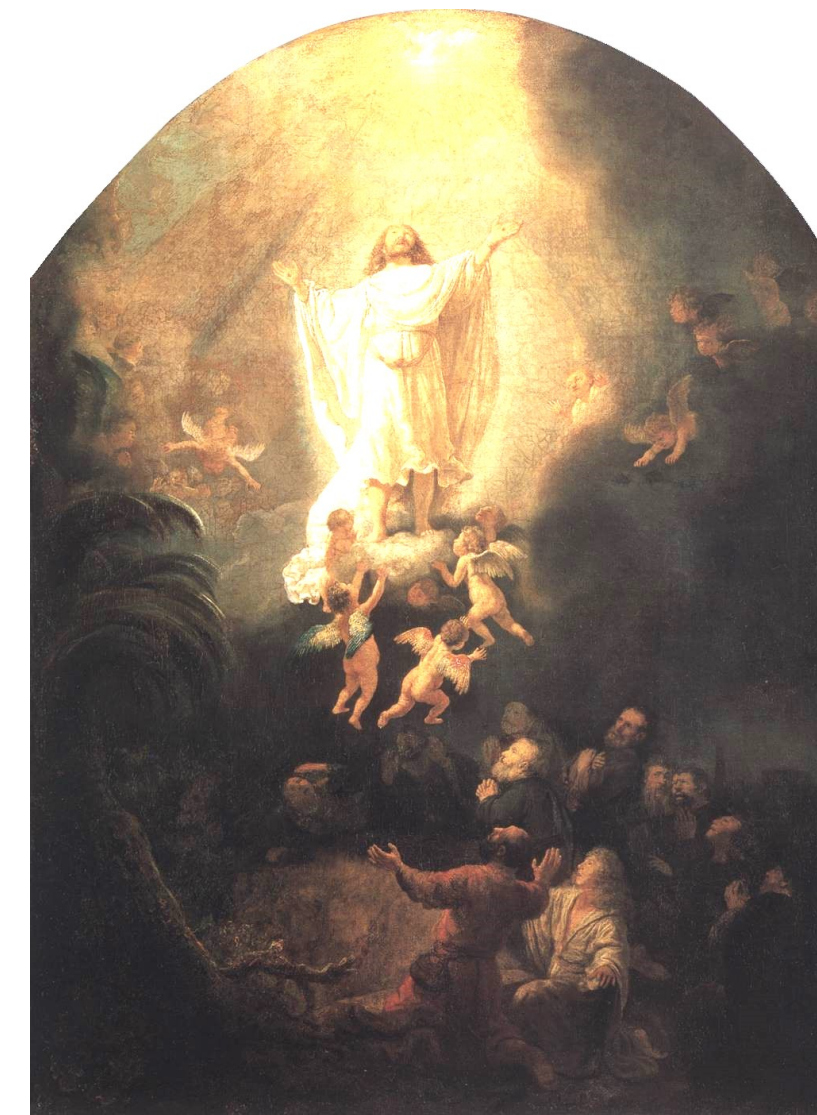


BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

April 16, 2017

Resurrection Sunday

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.