

# A Service of Word and Table

8:00 AM

## Gathering

PRELUDE

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### +PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Celebrant:

Glorious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and who cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings. Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek above all: Your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

### +GLORIA PATRI

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.**

## Proclamation

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

### HOMILY

### MORNING PRAYER

## Thanksgiving and Communion

The United Methodist Church has an open communion.

All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation. At the conclusion of the liturgy please come forward and receive a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## Sending Forth

### +THE DOXOLOGY

### +POSTLUDE

Upon leaving the Sanctuary you are invited to give your tithes and offerings out of the joy of salvation. A basket is located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

+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.

# Service of Worship

8:45 and 10:30 AM

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Gilbert M. Martin

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linden Hustedt, Lay Leader

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth:

**break forth, O mountains, in singing!**

For the Lord has confronted us;

**God has compassion on all who suffer.**

Like a woman with her nursing child,

**God holds us with compassion.**

### +PROCESSIONAL HYMN #567

*"Heralds of Christ"*

*National Hymn*

### +OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and who cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings. Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek above all: Your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

### +SUNG RESPONSE

**Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as**

**Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without ending, glory through eternity. Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, Prince of Peace, holy, holy wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MINISTRY IN MUSIC

(8:45)

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley"*

Sandi Patti

*Jackie Allen, Soloist*

(10:30)

*"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* W.B. Bradbury/arr. Jack Schrader

*Lighthouse UMC Choir*

## Proclamation

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ( in unison)

**Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are proclaimed, we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 49: 8-16

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

Pew Bible OT Page 638

### +GRADUAL HYMN #408

*"The Gift of Love"* vs. 1-2

*Gift of Love*

### +GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6: 24-34

Pew Bible NT Page 6

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 our church, our faith, and our lives.*

### +GRADUAL HYMN #408

*"The Gift of Love"* vs. 3

*Gift of Love*

### SERMON

*"The Present"*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

## Response

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Rich Steinhelper

Minister of Pastoral Care

### HYMN OF ADORATION #347 vs. 1&2

*"Spirit Song"* *Spirit Song*

### MORNING PRAYER

Rich Steinhelper

### THE LORDS'S PRAYER #895

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Edward Broughton

### +DOXOLOGY #94

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

### +PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## Sending Forth

### +RECESSIONAL HYMN #555

*"Forward Through the Ages"*

*St. Gertrude*

### +BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

May the nurturing love of God enfold you, the mercy of Jesus Christ uphold you, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit enlighten you so that you may be lifted up in hope, now and forever. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*

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 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

Membership

## 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 we are notified  
otherwise. Please keep us  
updated at 941-964-1479**

I would like someone to  
contact me to pray over  
more confidential mat-  
ters.

## 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 between the last two 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!

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE AS USHERS, COMMUNION STEWARDS AND LITURGISTS!** There are sign up sheets and instructions in Fellowship Hall – **THANK YOU!**



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The annual Thursday morning Pancake Breakfast (March 12-April 16) needs volunteers. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. There is also a need for a volunteer coordinator. Please contact Dan O'Connell with questions and for more information.

### UMW LUNCHEON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – 11:30-1:00

The Monday, February 17, UMW program will feature Anna Boney, Lighthouse UMC Director of Children's Ministries sharing her family's faith journey which has included the publishing of a prayer journal, *Prayerkeeping*, last Fall. She was inspired in large measure by George Müller, who was known for his caring of over 10,000 orphans in Bristol, England during the 1800's. Anna and her husband Bradford recently published a *Prayerkeeping* kid's edition written by her children. Both versions will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Please bring a sack lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

### IN MEMORIAM

A memorial gift from Ray Mithun has been received in memory of Dick Cuda.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE COLEMAN FAMILY

Any undesignated offerings at all services received today, February 16, will benefit the memorial offering and will be dispersed to the Coleman family on Wednesday, February 19. Please join us in being supportive of the Coleman family during this time of sadness and need.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!**  
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness  
Our gifts as of February 9, 2020

2020 OPERATING BUDGET	\$643,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$148,207.00
MISSION GIVING	\$8319.00
FORWARD IN FAITH REMAINING NEED	\$690,000

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

**Ushers:** 8:45 – Kitty & Tom Cross

10:30 – Dian & Richard Klepser

**Liturgists:** 8:45 – Colvin McCrady

10:30 – Rich Steinhelper

**Hospitality:** Kay Rembold, Candy Rost,  
Chris Steinhelper



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BOCA GRANDE  
**Lighthouse Church**  
A United Methodist Congregation

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Today's scripture lessons emphasize God's provision. While Zion may wonder if the Lord has forgotten her, Isaiah reassures God's people that they are inscribed on the palms of God's hand, and that God has compassion for their suffering. In the gospel lesson, Jesus implores his disciples not to worry about their lives, and he points to the birds of the air and the lilies of the field to suggest God's care and provision – and he asks "are you not of more value than they?"