

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 (9:55) *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy. Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another and the world: **God's presence is at hand. Let us worship God.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #100

"God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us" Lauda Anima

+OPENING PRAYER

God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons: you reveal your fullness in your son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples and empower us with his good news, in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **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 #393

"Spirit of the Living God" Living God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

God of redemption, summon us to Sarah's joy, Abraham's wonder, and Paul's confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7) Pew Bible OT Pages 13 & 16

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #427

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" vs. 1-3 Germany
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

Matthew 9: 35-38 Pew Bible NT Page 9

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #427

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" vs. 4-6 Germany

SERMON

"God's Creative Connection" Reverend Matthew M. Williams
Part Three: Creative Hospitality

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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.

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.

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

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)* Townend/Getty
Arr. Tom Fettke

+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

Pass Me Not Crosby/Doane

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 #17

Musical Setting A

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

The Savior Is Waiting
Come, Let Us Reason
Into My Heart

Ralph Carmichael
Ken Medema
Harry D. Clarke

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #664

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" The Ash Grove

+BENEDICTION

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, And the communion of the Holy spirit be with you all. Amen' **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

We Shall Behold Him Dottie Rambo

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. 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!

SUMMER USHERS, LITURGISTS AND COMMUNION STEWARDS NEEDED!

Please consider offering your gifts during the summer by ushering, reading the scripture, or serving as communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall or contact Amanda at 941-964-2479/ appearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church by viewing our sermons at www.bglighthouseumc.com. And, our Sunday morning service is live streamed on our church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc

JOIN US AT WARREN WILLIS UNITED METHODIST SUMMER CAMP!

The Island Youth Group Grades 9-12 will be attending Warren Willis Camp July 17-22. Please contact Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bglighthouseumc.com if you would like to join us, but HURRY! Slots are being filled quickly

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: God's Creative Connection

June 18: Creative Hospitality - Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7)
When we welcome guests, we welcome God.

June 25: Creating Promise Out of Pain—Genesis 21: 8-21
God works to redeem what humans mess up.

July 2: God Will Provide? - Genesis 22: 1-14
We trust God when we don't understand

July 9: Designing Love—Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
God brings people together for lifelong relationships.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of June 4, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$226,069.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 94,504.00</u>

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

Ushers: Lynn & Steve Kieffer

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Beth & Ed Paxton

Liturgist: Bo Hamrick

Hospitality Hosts: Ellie & Jim Crawford

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reeher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



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June 18, 2017

Second Sunday after Pentecost

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



We are currently in a six week series that began with God's Spirit at Pentecost, when God uses the power of language to create and connect a new people. Even as God is doing a new thing, we know this same creative Spirit has been at work since the very beginning, from the creation of the world to the creative ways God works to connect with humanity.