

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 (9:55 AM)

I Want to Be a Christian Mary McDonald
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come to me”, Jesus invites.
We come to you.
“Come to me, if you are tired”.
We come to you.
“Come to me, if you carry burdens”.
We come to you.
“Come, and discover rest for your souls”.
We come to you. We worship and bow down.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Beecher*

+OPENING PRAYER

We gather together this morning, O Lord, eager to feel your healing touch for our wounded spirits and weary souls. Flood our lives with your peace. Shine your light of joy in our souls this day as we open our hearts to you. Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing. Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses to your redeeming and reconciling love. In Jesus’s Name, we offer this prayer. **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 #334 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Tribute* Jackie Allen, Soloist
Andrae Crouch

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Almighty God, prepare us to discover your word for us today. Help us hear your servant, and in the spoken words, hear your Word. May these words help us recognize our master in the many fields of life through which we travel. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 24:24-28, 42-40,48-67 *Pew Bible OT Page 18-20*
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

HYMN OF PREPARATION #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 1-2 *Nettleton*

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 11: 28-30 *Pew Bible NT Page 11*

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” vs. 3 *Nettleton*

SERMON

“God’s Creative Connection” Reverend Matthew M. Williams
Designing Love

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.

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 vs. 1 “Spirit Song” *Spirit Song*

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

He Shall Feed His Flock G.F. Handel/arr. Ross Anderson

+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 #340

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Restoration*

+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 *Come Christians, Join to Sing* Edward Broughton

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

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

Don't forget that you can keep up with the Lighthouse Church through viewing our sermons at www.bglighthouseumc.com, and, our Sunday Morning service at 10:30 AM is Live Streamed on our church Facebook page. You can find this at www.facebook.com/bglighthouseumc. We hope that these avenues enable you to continue to worship and stay connected with our congregation over the summer.

WARREN WILLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 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

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

NEW AUDIO VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Everyone at Lighthouse Church sends best wishes, thoughts and prayers to Grant Reeher, as he begins a new life adventure—traveling to London to attend the famous Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute. Please welcome new Audio Visual Tech, Mike Hilton!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of July 2, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$307,934.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 94,774.00</u>

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

Ushers: Jane & Ron Wittenberg

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Marjorie Moore

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

July 9, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



Emerging from each of these vivid texts is the power of discovery. In Genesis, the faithful servant stumbles across God's providential plan as he helps Isaac and Rebekah discover one another. In the Gospel text, our Lord Jesus invites us to discover a secret—what has been hidden from the wise intelligentsia is given to those who would come to him.