

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)

Largo from Serse

G.F. Handel

Arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of strife, God is with us!

Come, O Lord, and pour your word into our hearts.

In the anguish and grief of everyday living, God is with us!

Hear our cries, O Lord, and quiet our spirits!

Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the Lord.

We come, with confidence and hope in the presence of God.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

St. George's Windsor

+OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Tabitha Jordan

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Mark Hayes

David Hamblin, Soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed, send down upon your church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Pew Bible OT Page 545, 546

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8: 12-25 Pew Bible NT Page 147-148

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #528

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" vs. 1-3

Bethany

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 13: 1-9, 18-23 Pew Bible NT Page 13

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #528

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" vs. 4-5

Bethany

SERMON

The Inescapable God Reverend 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.

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

O Master, Let Me Walk With 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 #545

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

+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.**

+POSTLUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Mary McDonald

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 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.

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 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.

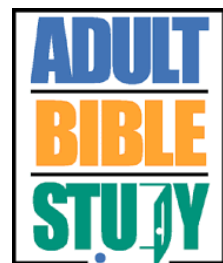
JOIN REVEREND MATTHEW AND JOY WILLIAMS

Bible Land Exploration Pilgrimage: October 24-November 2, 2017 Journey in the footsteps of Jesus and learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the 'Fifth Gospel'. Contact www.EO.travel, 800-247-0017 for more information about this exciting opportunity!

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Church Council has approved going forward with remodeling of the Youth Room and Stage area, as well as the single bathroom next to the Crying Room. Included are the addition of removable railings in the Sanctuary at the Communion Rail. A budget of \$60K was established and completion is scheduled by the end of August.

ASK US ABOUT THESE MINISTRY ACTIVITIES AND HOW YOU CAN LEARN MORE!



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

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Ushers: Lynn & Steve Kieffer

Liturgist: Jim Cooper

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Cindy Crespo, Sexton

Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant

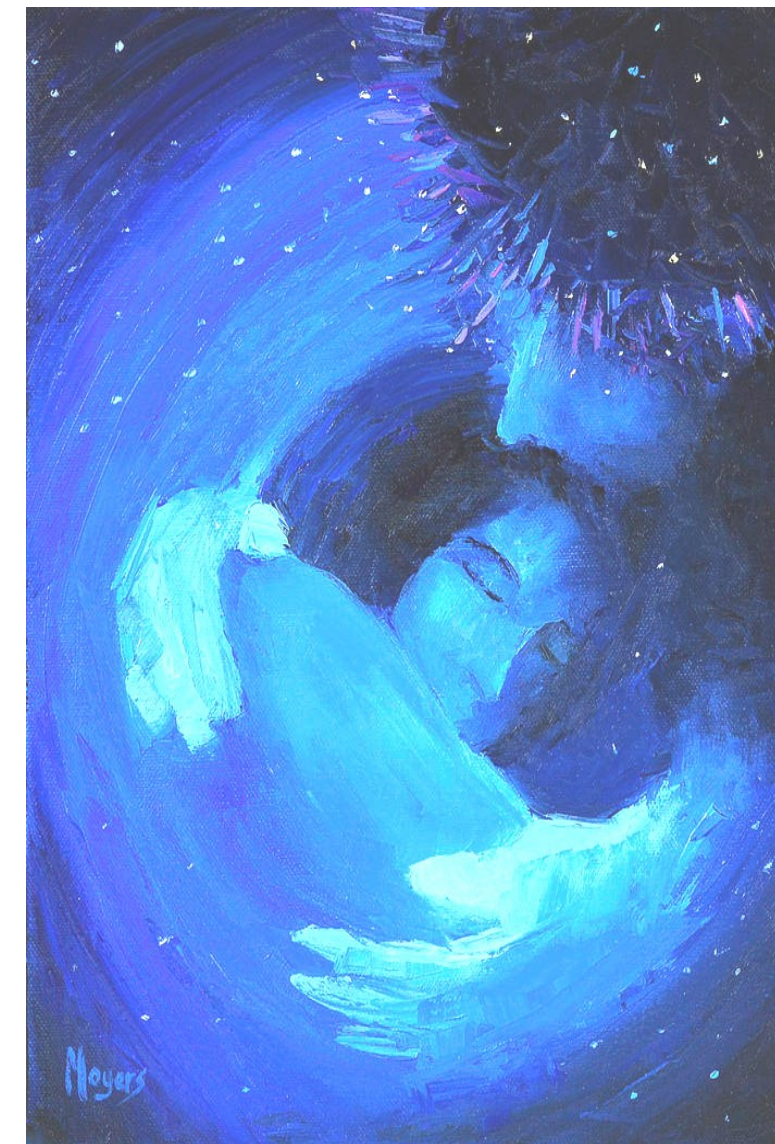


BOCA GRANDE
Lighthouse Church
A United Methodist Congregation

July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



Psalm 139 begins with an understanding that God has searched us and it ends with a plea for God to search us again. Search us and know us, find our wicked thoughts. See if there is any offensive, hurtful way in us. The psalmist is confident in introspection and confession because the psalmist understands God's vast love for us, God's intricate involvement in who we are.