

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.

For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

(9:55 AM)

I Am Thine, O Lord

David Paxton

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30 — Nick Kaiser

10:30 — David Senior

MISSION MOMENT

Carole Leman, Agape Flights

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down and
are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord,
you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and
before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high;
I cannot attain it. For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows
it very well.
Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and
know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous
way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139

”Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe Den Herren

+OPENING PRAYER

O Lord God, your chosen dwelling is the heart of the
lowly. We give you thanks that you revealed yourself
in the holy child Jesus, thereby sanctifying all child-
hood in him. Make us humble in faith and love, that
we may know the joy of the gospel hidden from the
wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. This we
ask in the name of the One, who, wearing our mortal
flesh, grew in wisdom and in favor with God and all
people, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

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

“All Are Welcome” (Insert) vs. 1,3,5

Two Oaks

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(10:30 AM)

Pastor Tabitha Jordan

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

Choir

Daniel L. Schutte/arr. Jack Schrader

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(In unison)

God of all mercy, your son proclaimed good news to
the poor, release of the captives, and freedom to the
oppressed: as your word is read today, anoint us with
your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise
you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

Pew Bible NT Page 236

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #400

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

Nettleton

+GOSPEL LESSON

John 1: 43-51

Pew Bible NT Page 87

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 the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GRADUAL HYMN #400

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

Nettleton

SERMON

A Two Way Street

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.

Continued...

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

Reverend Matthew M. Williams

This morning in our prayers we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
recalling his conviction that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice
everywhere.”

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 and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ray Smedley, Chair of Finance

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

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 #454

“Open My Eyes, That I May See ”

Open My Eyes

+BENEDICTION


Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

A Charge to Keep I Have

Dan R. Edwards

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.

UMW VISIT TO ECHO JANUARY 15TH, 2018

UMW will be carpooling to ECHO, one of our local missions, located just north of Ft. Myers. We will be departing the church at 8:00AM and returning by 3:00PM. ECHO is a research and teaching center focusing on sustainable farming for people in remote parts of the world. Please bring a sack lunch and something to drink. We will have a private tour of their facility and then lunch under the pavilion. The cost is \$10.50 and will be paid at the gate. Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen as weather dictates. PLEASE SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL BY SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH. Contact Pam Hannah with questions at 964-1176.

SUNDAY PARKING

We are in the busiest season of our church year and our church attendance continues to rise! Parking is never easy in Boca Grande and this time of year it becomes even more difficult. Our church has members who have difficulty walking long distances. Many members need to use a cane or walker. If you are able bodied, please park on Palm Avenue or PJ’s Seagrille to leave open the parking in front of the main entrance for those who need it most. Golf cart parking is also available in between the Sanctuary and Church office. Your fellow members thank you

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH TOWN MEETINGS

The Church Council and the Building Committee invite all members and friends of Boca Grande Lighthouse church to attend a Town Hall Meeting in order to share information about the church’s remodeling projects, as well as the office remodeling and expansion project. This is your opportunity to learn more and share your thoughts. There will be two Town Hall meetings in the sanctuary: One on Tuesday, January 16 at 4 PM, and another on Sunday, January 21 at 2 PM.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir Rehearsal is from 4 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursdays. If you enjoy singing, please join us. Contact David Hamblin, 941-474-1648 for information or with questions.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday, the church administration offices will be closed on Monday, January 15.

MOM’S NIGHT OUT – Mondays at 5:30 PM

Jan. 22, Feb. 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!	
Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness	
Our gifts as of January 7, 2018	
2018 OPERATING BUDGET	\$564,000.00
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	\$10,373.00
MISSION GIVING	\$0

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

Ushers: 8:30 – Jane & Ron Wittenberg

10:30 – Jackie & Larry Allen

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Liturgist: 8:30 – Bo Hamrick, 10:30 – Mary Foree

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett

Hospitality: Billie Deason & Nancy Kershaw



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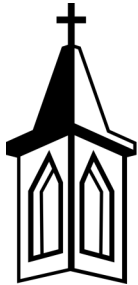
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BOCA GRANDE

Lighthouse Church

A United Methodist Congregation

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



The Old Testament lesson from 1 Samuel informs its reader that “the word of the Lord was rare in those days” - the chosen people are living in a season of emptiness and corruption. In this sullied context, God calls the child, Samuel, who has a simple response, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” The words Samuel is called to share are words of harsh judgement. Yet he does not flinch from speaking this truth. In the Gospel for today, Nathaniel finds faith in Jesus when Philip is faithful to share the good news.