

# 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.

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** (8:25 & 10:25)  
*Meditation on "Beach Spring"* Gilbert M. Martin  
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING THE LIGHT** Caring Partners

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

**+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #116**  
"The God of Abraham Praise" Leoni

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**  
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.  
*The minister speaks words of assurance.*

**+RESPONSE** Grosser Gott  
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee, though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee, while we praise the mystery.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** (10:30) Conor Thomas McArdle  
(See insert)

**+PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**+SONG OF PEACE #295** vs. 1,4  
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Rathbun

**CHORAL ANTHEM** (10:30)  
*God So Loved a Medley of Hope* Choir  
Chuck Bridwell

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (10:30)  
*Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A*

## WE HEAR THE WORD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** ( In Unison)  
Almighty God, in the hearing of your word and by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings and, by following in his Way, come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Genesis 12: 1-4a Pew Bible OT Page 9  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION #654**  
"How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ" vs. 1-2 Maryton  
*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** John 3: 1-17 Pew Bible NT Page 89  
The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION #654**  
"How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ" vs. 3 Maryton

**SERMON** It's Time to Go Reverend Matthew M. Williams

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

**MORNING PRAYER** Reverend Matthew M. Williams

**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.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Tabitha Jordan

**OFFERTORY** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Lani Smith

**+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 #159**  
"Lift High the Cross" Crucifer

**+BENEDICTION** Reverend Matthew M. Williams

**+POSTLUDE** *Let All Things Now Living* Lloyd Larson

## 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 between the 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!

### MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Friday, March 17, beginning at 9:00 AM a volunteer crew will perform various maintenance jobs on the church property. Some of the jobs will include power washing and painting. Any and all general maintenance issues will be addressed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Richard Klepser at 941-697-7687 or 716-510-4088.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—"Overview of the Bible"

A four week class beginning today will be held in Classroom B. The class will be approximately 35 minutes beginning at 9:45 AM. Lindy Hustedt and Colvin McCready will facilitate the discussion. The class will end in time to attend the second service.

### FREE MEMORY SCREENING

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has been giving an educational series at the Friends of Boca Grande Community Center this season. Next Monday, March 13th they will be offering their final session at 10:30 in the Houghton Room. The topic will be about "Activities" for persons with memory loss. At the last session on Challenging Behaviors several people signed up for a free memory screening. This is not a diagnosis, but rather a short screening that people can take to their doctor for further discussion/evaluation. Following Monday's meeting, 2 people from the Alzheimer's Association will be staying to offer these screenings. For further information please contact Grace Ott, LCSW at: [gracebinghamott@gmail.com](mailto:gracebinghamott@gmail.com) [www.gracebinghamott.com](http://www.gracebinghamott.com) 941-964-2167 207-712-4297

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church at 12:00 PM  
Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service at Boca Grande Beach, 8:30 and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY WERE PRESENTED BY ALL THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS IN HONOR OF JENNY WOOD'S 90TH BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY JENNY!**

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of March 5, 2017

<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b><u>\$564,000.00</u></b>
<b>PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED</b>	<b><u>\$107,260.00</u></b>
<b>MISSION GIVING</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,942.00</u></b>

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

**Ushers:** 8:30—Candy Rost & Rosemary McIntosh  
10:30—Richard & Debbie Houck

**Acolyte and Cross Bearer:** Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

**Liturgist:** 8:30—Bo Hamrick, 10:30—Ellie Young

**Hospitality Hosts:** Dian and Richard Klepser

**Audio Visual Technology:** Liam Hugger and Grant Reeher



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Philip Eyrich, Assistant Organist

Carol Elwood, Choir Director



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March 12, 2017  
Second Sunday in Lent



In the second Sunday of Lent, the scripture lessons emphasize faith and obedience. In Genesis, God calls Abraham from his home to be a blessing to the earth. He follows this command, even in the face of uncertainty. In John's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born again. In doing so, Jesus intimates that Nicodemus, though a leader among the Pharisees, does not yet understand true obedience which grows from loving trust in the living God.