

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 *Great Is Our God* Dale Wood
Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 66:8; Acts 17:24
Bless the Lord, O People, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out!
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #152
"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Forest Green

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to repent,
but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us
confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love:

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments;
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.
Wash us in the water of life that we may live again
through the mercy and grace of Jesus, our resurrected
Savior. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and
strengthens us. We are all forgiven in the name of
Jesus Christ!

Glory to God! 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 #572 vs. 1,3 "Pass It On" *Pass It On*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Tabitha Jordan
Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)
**God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of
eternal life: as we hear your scriptures today, may we
thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through Christ who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.**

+EPISTLE LESSON Acts 17: 22-28 Pew Bible NT Page 129

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #364
"Because He Lives" vs. 1-2 *Resurrection*
*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 14: 15-21 Pew Bible NT Page 103
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #364
"Because He Lives" vs. 3 *Resurrection*

HOMILY The Air We Breathe Reverend Matthew M. Williams

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 resurrec-
tion of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love* Edward Broughton

+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
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

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

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
Chanson de Matin Edward Elgar
Voluntary on "Slane" Eugene Butler

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

RECOGNITION OF 2017 GRADUATING SENIORS

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #89
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *Hymn to Joy*

+BENEDICTION Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Lani Smith

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 by ushering, reading the scripture, or serving as communion stewards. Contact Dian Klepser to serve as ushers, Pam Hannah to serve as communion stewards, and sign up sheets for liturgists and hospitality hosts are in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!

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

HURRICANE AWARENESS SEMINAR—Free and open to the public!

Tuesday, May 23, 2:00-4:00 PM at Englewood United Methodist Church. Information will be available on evacuation routes, shelters, preparation for your family and home, pet care, and much more! The Suncoast Community Blood Mobile will be there 1:00-5:00 PM. Nonperishable food donations would be greatly appreciated to benefit Englewood Helping Hand.

**The Church Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday,
May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.**

CHURCH AND OFFICE BUILDINGS SHUTDOWN

The church building and the adjacent building that houses the administrative office will be closed the week of June 12-16 for pesticide treatment. If pastoral care is required during that time, please contact Reverend Williams at mwilliams@bgighthouseumc.com, or Pastor Tabitha Jordan at tjordan@bgighthouseumc.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of May 14, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$205,186.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$ 94,404.00</u>

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

Ushers: Joan & David Senior

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Lynn & Steve Kieffer

Liturgist: Bo Hamrick

Hospitality: Kathi Hustedt & Peggy Saewert

Audio Visual Technology: Grant Reeher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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Linda Conklin, Nursery Attendant



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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



In the scripture lessons for this morning, we first find Paul arguing astutely before the council of the Aeropagus in Athens. He argues that the God of all creation is not bound to altars made by human hands. The God of the universe is not an unknown God, but one who is known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus tells his disciples that the time is coming when the world will no longer see him, though he promises his continued presence through the Holy Spirit, who will abide with them.