

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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee* Dale Wood

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Hyfrydol*
(Sung to hymn tune Hyfrydol pg. 648)

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(All pray in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were Yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI #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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Leslie Barrett*

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

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE #328

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" *Wolfe*

WORSHIP IN MUSIC *Sweet Hour of Prayer Medley* Sandi Patti
Jackie Allen, Soloist

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5 *Pew Bible NT Page 201*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION # 383
"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" vs. 1-2 *Beginnings*

+GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18: 1-8 *Pew Bible NT Page 76*
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

+HYMN OF PREPARATION #383
"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" vs. 3-5 *Beginnings*

HOMILY *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

MORNING PRAYER *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Break Thou, the Bread of Life* Van Denman Thompson

+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 *Seek Ye First* *Karen Lafferty*

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church has an open communion. All are invited to partake despite denominational or religious affiliation. At the direction of the ushers, please come forward and take a wafer, dip it into the cup, and partake. You are welcome to kneel at the altar for prayers following receiving communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Matt Ilmbaugh*
O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus *Robert W. Thygerson*
Thou Art Worthy *Pauline M. Mills/arr. Fred Bock*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

WE BEAR THE WORD IN THE WORLD

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #584
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" *Abbot's Leigh*

+BENEDICTION *Reverend Matthew M. Williams*
We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* *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

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 _____

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!

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is freely offered to infants and adults. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or joining Lighthouse United Methodist Church as a professing member, please contact Amanda Pearsall at apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth group meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room. Join us as we begin thinking about the ways God is calling us to participate in his kingdom work. Ways we can participate in what God is doing here in our own lives, communities, and around the world.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Training for Stephen Ministers begins Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10:00 in the Stirling Adult Education Room in Fellowship Hall. Please call Ray Smedley at 941-312-3534 with questions and for more information on participating.

MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

Please keep Tabitha Jordan and Bob and Sheila Dorst in your thoughts and prayers as they embark upon a week long missional journey to Nicaragua! Thanks to all who contributed funding and supplies toward the hygiene kits that they will be taking with them. Throughout the week they will be working in a medical clinic set up in a local church. They will be ministering to both the physical and spiritual needs of those in need.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Day. All are invited to bring flowers to beautify the chancel in memory of loved ones who have gone on to the Church Triumphant.

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with guest organist and soloists.

CHARGE CONFERENCE 2016

Sunday, November 6 @ 3:00 PM—Christ UMC, Venice.

Everyone is welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of September 25, 2016

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$496,000.00</u>
PLEGGED TO DATE	<u>\$388,030.00</u>
PLEGGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$ 386,791.00</u>

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

Ushers: Kay & Chris Rembold

Liturgist: Bob Swoveland

Acolyte and Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Communion Stewards: Beth & Ed Paxton

Hospitality Hosts: JoAnn Nordlie & Billie Deason

Audio Visual Technology: Liam Hugger and Grant Reecher

Sunday School: Leslie Barrett



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Lighthouse Church

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October 16, 2016

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Persistence is a common thread linking the lectionary passages for today. In 2 Timothy, Paul urges followers of Christ to be persistent in proclaiming the good news, even in unfavorable times and places. The gospel lesson from Luke details the story of the persistent widow who sought justice again and again until the judge relented and granted her request. God's persistence and the widow's persistence reveal the tenacity of love and faith.