

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.

A staffed nursery is available for those with infants. Please ask an usher for directions.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE (8:25 & 10:25)

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:30 AM Nick Kaiser
10:30 AM David Senior

CALL TO WORSHIP Debbie Houck, Bagpipes
David Hamlin, Organist

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *Easter Hymn*

+GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **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.

CHORAL ANTHEM Resurrection Victory *Lloyd Larson*
Lighthouse Choir

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

+SONG OF PEACE #186 "Alleluia" *Alleluia*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Tabitha Jordan
*Children are dismissed during the Song of Peace for a special
Easter experience.*

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison) Liturgist and Congregation
God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. As we hear your word today, sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the risen Christ. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10: 34-43 Pew Bible NT Page 121
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #306
"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" vs. 1-2 *Victory*

+GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 1-18 Pew Bible NT Page 108
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 #306
"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" vs. 3-4 *Victory*

SERMON Living Hope Reverend Matthew M. Williams

+HYMN OF RESPONSE "In Christ Alone" See screen

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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.
Amen.

OFFERTORY *Were You There?* Spiritual
Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head

+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 #322 Christ Arose
"Up from the Grave He Arose"

+CHARGE AND BLESSING Reverend Matthew M. Williams
Receive the good news: Christ has risen from the dead. Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us. Live the good news: we are free to love as Christ has loved us. May God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory. Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel
Arr. Mitchell-Wallace & Head

Please remain standing for the Postlude

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 UMC?

- 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 Fellowship 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 _____

Please remember that prayer requests are honored until notification is received otherwise. Please keep us updated so that the prayer lists are current. Call 941-964-2479 or email apearsall@bglighthouseumc.com

Thank you!

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 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 small children, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

Dear sisters and brother of the Risen Lord,

On the first Easter morning the sorrowing women come to anoint the body of Jesus and are greeted with the astonishing words of the angel: "Why do you search for the Living One among the dead? He is not here. He has been raised up." (Luke 24: 5-6)

What marvelous news. The confidence of Jesus in his Father is rewarded with the conquest of the resurrection. Easter is a time of great joy. Christ, our hope, is risen! Imagine the joy of the apostles, the women, the disciples, and of Mary, his mother. All of them ready to go around the world singing God's glory and announcing his message of redemption, salvation, and love.

Today let us embrace the Risen Lord with all that we are. Christ is alive, let Christians sing! In embracing Christ and following him as our Lord and Savior, we are Easter people each and every day of our lives.

While we struggle to make this world respond to God's reign justice and peace, and while we struggle to banish oppression, hunger, disease and war from the face of the earth, we must nourish, through prayer and service to others, the hope we have through the Risen Christ. This is hope in the true and real promise of the Gospel, the promise of everlasting life in Joy and peace with God. Let us ask the Lord to make us peacemakers in our homes and in our society.

Let us ask the Lord to make us true Christians who live the Gospel, we love the poor and care for the needy. Let us be people whose primary purpose is to build up the Kingdom of God, so that the true meaning of Easter will be realized in the lives of all human kind.

On this Easter Sunday the Risen Lord says to each of us, "Peace be with you." (John 20:29) May we know and cherish that peace and live in its vision every day of our lives.

Christ is Risen, indeed.
Reverend Matthew M. Williams

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness

Our gifts as of March 25, 2018

OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$265,808.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$15,705.00</u>

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

Ushers: 8:30 – Kathi & Linden Hustedt

10:30 – Dian & Richard Klepser

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Hannah Amen & Abigail Turner

Hospitality Host: Jim Benson

Liturgist: 8:30 – Candy Rost

10:30 – Brit Hume

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton



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Philip Eyrich, Trumpeter

Abigail Turner, Nursery Attendant



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April 1, 2018

Resurrection Sunday

RECEIVING THE LIGHT, BEING THE LIGHT, SHARING THE LIGHT



Easter Sunday is the principal feast of the liturgical year—the day Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. The resurrection of Christ has been a focal point of Christian confession since the early church; it has always been understood to be the central witness of God's radical action in human history. Jesus, God incarnate, went to the depths of the earth and overcame the power of death that we might have life eternal.