

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.
For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

We Gather Around the Word

PRELUDE *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* Martin Luther
Arr. Benton Price

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

L: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

P: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.

L: Everyday there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

P: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.

L: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

P: Let us sing our songs of praise!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #147

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" Royal Oak

+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. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

+SONG OF PEACE #503

"Let It Breathe on Me" (sung two times) *Let It Breathe*

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Generous God, who sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that we would be open to hear your holy word now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 1: 20-33 Pew Bible OT Page 552
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3: 1-12 Pew Bible NT Page 216

+GRADUAL HYMN #454 vs. 1-2

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" *Open My Eyes*

+GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 14 Pew Bible NT Page 42
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 #454 vs. 3

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" *Open My Eyes*

SERMON

No Partiality The Rev. Dr. 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.

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

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

OFFERTORY

He Leadeth Me William B. Bradbury
Arr. Terry Kirkland

+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 #438

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" Duke Street

+BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

+POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Carl G. Glazer
Arr. Lowell Mason, last stanza setting by Tom Fettke

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.

**VISITORS, PLEASE PICK UP A GIFT BAG IN THE NARTHEX
AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION!**

STAY CONNECTED AND STAY COMMITTED!

Please remember that during the off season we still need ushers, liturgists, hospitality hosts, and communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. And, don't forget to visit our Lighthouse Church website at bgighthouseumc.com and listen to and view each week's sermon during the summer months. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bgighthouseumc to see the weekly service in real time.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lighthouse Church is now offering two Sunday School classes for our children. The 5th-8th graders class will meet before church from 9:00-9:40 in classroom B with Pastor Tabitha Jordan. Our K-4th graders Sunday school class will begin after the Children's Message during the Sunday Service with Leslie Barrett in classroom A. Please ask the ushers for directions to each classroom. **Please note: Today there will be no 5th-8th Grade Sunday School Class.**

ONLINE GIVING OPTION NOW AVAILABLE

The Lighthouse Church now has an online giving option. You may donate to the general budget or for specific purposes. Please visit www.bgighthouseumc.com/resources more.

PARKING CONSIDERATION

When attending Sunday service, please consider parking in the lot behind what was P.J.'s Restaurant, or on the streets adjacent to the church administration offices. This frees up the parking area on Gilchrist for those who require additional physical assistance getting to and from the main church entrance. There is also a handicapped ramp at the rear of the main building outside of Fellowship Hall for those who need it. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness

Our gifts as of September 2, 2018

2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$432,851.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$55,568.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	<u>\$59,840.00</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	<u>\$1,751,756.00</u>

Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

Ushers: Gabrielle & Dutch Heidsieck

Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner

Liturgist: Mary Ann Roelse

Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton

Hospitality: Adair Newman & Carol Stewart



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Cindy Crespo, Sexton



Lighthouse Church

A United Methodist Congregation

September 9, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light

September Series: "Jesus' Bold Little Brother"



The risen Lord Jesus has triumphed over the powers of sin, evil, and death. In today's Gospel reading we see Jesus' complete authority over evil spirits as with one command he restores a boy to full health. Jesus explains to his disciples that it is only through prayer that miracles can be accomplished in his name. The power of words is also highlighted by James, who cautions us against disunity and urges us to guard our tongues. The effect of arguing amongst individuals and the church body is likened to a blazing forest fire. Proverbs meanwhile, personifies the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit, calling us to pray for divine guidance before we speak or act.