



Year of Gratitude

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2017
at Eight Thirty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

PRELUDE

John Behnke

Praise and Thanksgiving
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 154

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall; hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

O God who gave us birth,
we come before You in gratitude.

You breathed life into us
and steadied our hand in times of trouble.

You are faithful in mercy
and generous in love.

You long for our presence
and delight in the sound of our voice.

We are fully known to You
and fully loved by You.

For all that You have been,
and all that You are,
and all that You will ever be,
we give You thanks O Lord.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make anew,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God,

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope,**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us,
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†GLORIA PATRI

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.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Keith King

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where His love and His mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the World.*

PASTORAL 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. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Heather Sorenson

Blessings

Cantate Chamber Choir and Strings

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

We pray for blessings. We pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering. And all the while, You hear each spoken need, yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise? We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear, and we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near. We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love, as if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough. And all the while, You hear each desp'rate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe.

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What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy? What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights, are Your mercies in disguise?

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†THE EPISTLE

Rev. David Poteet

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

If There is Anything Worthy of Praise
From the Sermon Series: Year of Gratitude

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to become a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, please refer to the announcement insert for additional information.

†HYMN 160

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

With grateful hearts we give our thanks to God,
for we know the blessings we have received.

All that I have is all that I need,

and all that I need is an awareness of all that I have.

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Grand Fantasia (Lift Up Your Voice)
Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Keith King

Online Campus Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Cantate Chamber Choir and Strings

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Susan Easttom, Director of Children's Ministry

Sermon Notes

GRATITUDE QUOTES

"All that I have is all that I need, and all that I need is an awareness of all that I have." - based on a quote by Sarah Ban Breathnach

"Until you are grateful for the things that you have, you'll never receive the things that you want." - based on a quote by John Kralik



Year of Gratitude

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Gratitude opens our hearts and minds to seeing God's work in our lives and in the world. A life of gratitude is a better way to live. Telling someone "thank you" makes a difference in their lives and our own. When we intentionally express our gratitude we become more

aware of what we have, who is in our lives and we help make others aware of their value. In 2017 we are going to set a goal of one thank you note per day. Living a life of gratitude happens by the choices we make each day. 365 thank you's, a Year of Gratitude, can bring about joy and meaning. We invite you to be a part of our 2017 Year of Gratitude at St. Luke's.

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Welcome to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

We're so glad you've joined us for worship this morning. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave here today inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.

Helpful Information

Hymnals and Bibles are located in the arm rest of the seat.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Children's Ministry is available during the worship service for infants - 5th grade.

Parents with active or tearful children can watch a live feed of the service in the Watchorn Chapel. A children's activity bag is also available in the Narthex.

A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit stlukesokc.org.

Lunch With Bob Today

Don't forget to have "Lunch With Bob" today! Dr. Bob Long has been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith for 26 years! You're invited to hear his inspiring story over lunch. It's Lunch With Bob - this afternoon from 12:15-1:45 p.m. in the Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided.

Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive is off to a great start - and there is still time to join a class. There is something for everyone: children, youth, and adults. Dinner is served starting at 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). It's \$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free. Classes start at 6:30 p.m. Descriptions of all classes are available online at stlukesokc.org/wna.

Year of Gratitude

This year, Dr. Long has challenged everyone to write a Thank You note a day. To help you make this happen, we are providing *Year of Gratitude* Thank You Cards for you to pick up in the Narthex today. Stop by Threefold to pick up gratitude books, journals, as well as a variety of Thank You Cards.

Reformation Trip Meeting

There is an informational meeting to learn more about this year's "Reformation and Wesley Heritage Tour" through Germany and England with Dr. Bob and Marsha Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert. The meeting will be on Sunday, January 29, at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. A light lunch will be available. The trip will last from September 1 through September 13 and there is still time to sign up to go. RSVP for the meeting at stlukesokc.org or email w Lambert@stlukesokc.org.

The Cuba Experience

Interested in sharing God's love 90 miles south of Florida? Then you will not want to miss The Cuba Experience hosted by BOLD (Bridges of Latin Dance). This cultural trip will go to Santiago de Cuba, November 18-26 (Thanksgiving Week). An informational meeting will be held at the Downtown Campus on Sunday, January 29, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in The Parlor, Room 120. For more information about this trip please email stlukesbold@gmail.com.

New Sunday School Class

Looking for a small group to be growing in your faith? A new class is starting on Sunday mornings and will be taught by different ministers throughout the year. This class will meet at 9:40 a.m. in Room 206. The first class will be taught by Rev. Keith King, Online Campus Pastor. No need to RSVP, but if you have questions, please email kking@stlukesokc.org.

Faith Partners Meeting

If you would like to know more about St. Luke's ministry for those facing addiction, Faith Partners, an informational meeting is on Sunday, February 5 at 12:15 p.m. at the Edmond Campus. Please RSVP to Jeremy Sanders at jsanders@stlukesokc.org or by calling 600-3411.

Joining St. Luke's

If you wish to place your membership with St. Luke's this morning, please complete this card and bring it to the front during the final hymn.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth? _____

Are you transferring from another church? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

If you would like more information about other ways to join or upcoming membership events, please contact Beth Armstrong, Director of Welcoming Ministry, at (405) 609-1045 or barmstrong@stlukesokc.org.

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Covenant Bible Study

Powerful spiritual growth is what you will experience in a class called "Trusting the Covenant" - the third in the Covenant Bible Study series looking at the gospel of John. This includes the letters of John, Revelation in the New Testament, and several of the Old Testament books. The class is being led by Brian Bakeman and meets in Room 106 (Vaught Chapel) on Fridays starting January 27, from noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch is available for \$5. Sign up at stlukesokc.org. Books are available in Threefold.

Under Construction: Building Better Men

Men of all ages are invited to join this men's Bible study. They meet Thursdays at noon in Room 106 (Vaught Chapel). Lunch is provided for \$5. This group looks to grow in our faith together while increasing our knowledge of God and how we can better live as husbands and fathers. For more information, contact Rev. Keith King 600-3417.

Mommy & Me Playdate

Making their debut at the St. Luke's Edmond Campus is Spaghetti Eddie! He will be entertaining kids at the Mommy & Me playdate on Monday, February 6, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring your little ones and prepare to have a blast while singing and dancing along to Spaghetti Eddie's fun, energetic, educational, and silly songs such as "Kitty Cat Town" and "Together Like You and Me." This is for moms and kids, ages 0-4. Lunch will be served in the Worship Center for \$5 (kids eat free), and you can pay at the door. Please RSVP online at stlukesokc.org.

Youth Lunch Bunch Today

Youth Lunch Bunch is meeting today after worship. We'll have lunch from noon - 2 p.m. Bring money for food and meet in the Youth Room. Youth leaders will be at the Narthex fountain to meet guests (6th-12th grade). Mark your calendars for February 19, March 19, and April 9 for the next lunchtime fun! For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Youth Thunder Game

It's time to Thunder Up! St. Luke's Youth will be heading to "The Peake" on Sunday, February 26 to watch the OKC Thunder take on the New Orleans Pelicans. We will meet at 5 p.m. to travel to the game, which starts at 6 p.m. This is for all 6th-12th grade youth and their parents. Tickets are \$31 and sign-up is needed because there are a limited number of tickets. Sign up with Amy at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027 or online at stlukesokc.org.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation is an important part of a student's journey as they develop their Christian faith. Confirmation students are usually 6th graders, but parents of older youth who have yet to participate in Confirmation are also welcome. There is no cost. Classes start January 22 and continue through the end of April. Confirmation Sunday is May 7. Downtown classes are Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:45 in Room 214. For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.