

# GAME CHANGERS

CHANGE YOUR GAME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
October 2, 2016  
at Ten Fifty A.M.

 **St. Luke's**  
United Methodist Church

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Joe Utterback

*Our Father's World*  
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 568

ITALIAN HYMN

*Christ for the World We Sing*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-  
worn, whom Christ doth heal.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless  
cost, from dark despair.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with  
us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.*

*Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the  
newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and  
praise, to Christ belong.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Poteet

When we make a commitment to follow Christ,  
we accept the responsibility of giving our best.

**We commit to making the world a better place.**

It begins with seizing the opportunities before us  
**and working hard to make change happen.**

We will be patient and persevere

**for the best possible results.**

We know that when we change our game,

**we can change the world.**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,  
or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No!**

**In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither**

**death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,**

**will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**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.*

(Needlepoint artists will come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.)

DEDICATION OF KNEELERS AND  
RECOGNITION OF NEEDLEPOINT ARTISTS

Dr. Robert E. Long

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Siyahamba

*We Are Singing*  
El Sistema Oklahoma Orquesta Esperanza  
Dr. Michael Raiber, *conductor*  
Lexi Morrow, *student conductor*  
Chancel Choir  
Robert Fasol, *organist*

*We are singing for the Lord is our light, we are singing for the Lord is our light.*  
*Siyahamba ekukhanyen kwenkhos.*

†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.*

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all the people joined in the covenant. (II Kings 23:1 - 3)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*The Discovery That Changed Everything*  
From the Sermon Series: Game Changers

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Creator of heaven and earth. We have sometimes forgotten our ability to make a difference. We have not always given our best or focused on the things that matter. Yet, even when our love failed, Your love remained steadfast:

In the Name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.

**(People) In the Name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.**

**(All) Glory to God, Amen.**

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us now and always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Word Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The ushers will direct you to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and a server will come to you. Please feel free to stay at the rail in prayer as long as you wish. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station on the south side of the Sanctuary.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### 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 413

BOYLSTON

### *A Charge to Keep I Have*

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.*

*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!*

*Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live, and oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!*

*Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We can be disciplined and work hard.

**We can focus on what matters and give our best.**

We will change our game,

**so that we can change the world.**

## POSTLUDE

M. Jackson/L. Ritchie

*We Are the World*  
Robert Fasol, *organist*

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**

Senior Pastor

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**

Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. David Poteet**

Pastor of Congregational Care

**Rev. Jeremy Sanders**

Pastor of Program Ministries

*Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**Chancel Choir**

**El Sistema Oklahoma Orquesta Esperanza**

**Dr. Michael Raiber, Conductor**

**Lexi Morrow, Student Conductor**

*Communion Servers*

Debbie Beckner, Dillon Curran, Barbara Frazier, Rev. Phil Greenwald,  
Pat Gordon, Dr. Bob Long, Jeanne Morgan, Diane Parker, Glenda Payne,  
Sherry Pemberton, Rev. Dave Poteet, Judy Powell, Dale Reneau,  
Gary Sackman, Nanci Sackman, Rev. Jeremy Sanders

## Members of the El Sistema Oklahoma Orquesta Esperanza

Grace Alfaro	Silverio Hernandez	Tran Nguyen	Dacey Tietz
Jonathan Amukaya	Emily Hubbard	Grace Oglesby	Trey Treat
Rachel Amukaya	Jocelyn Hubbard	Henry Oryema	Avrill Uribe
Eduardo Barrios	Colten Johnson	Carter Parker	Anna Van
Dane Benson	Alex Lara	George Patterson-Tellez	Eli Van Swearingen
Clover Bitting-Cheek	Grace Lin	Jose Patterson-Tellez	Anny Vo
Cristalynne Burns	Mandy Lin	Amelie Paugh	Sandy Vo
Shelby Coker	Emelyn Maldonado	Nathan Peters	Xavier Vongphakdy
Jack Colbert	Brian Mankiller	Samantha Rodriguez	Tony Wang
Isabel Delao	Amaury McCarver	London Shepherd	Sofia Weaver
Treasure Drennon	Eileen Meza	Maliah Smith	Leah White
Joe Effinger	Elliott Miller	Tucker Smith	Zavior Wright
Adam Elkamely	Cytali Montelongo	Kaitlyn Snider-Vawter	Brian Zapata
Gerson Estrada	Lexi Morrow	Nathan Snider-Vawter	Consheng Zheng
Kyah Fuller	Alanna Nguyen	Lillian Stover	Conwy Zheng
Lanira Fuller	Hanna Nguyen	Alycia Thomas	Jolson Zheng
Jude Gabrielson	Misty Nguyen		



We are constantly faced with decisions, both big and small in our daily lives. Have you ever made a decision in a moment, without fully realizing the impact it has on everyone around you? We all have the ability to change the course of our life and the lives of others, for the better with one decision. There have been people in all fields, throughout history who unknowingly made a choice that made a positive impact on the world. These people are often called “Game Changers” because they significantly affect the outcome of the people and culture in which they live. The Bible is full of examples of game changers that we can follow in our own lives to “change our game” and change the world around us!



# St. Luke's

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### **Congregational Care Ministry**

The St. Luke's family of faith desires to extend care to you in the times of concern and joy and all that is in-between. Please write your prayer concerns on an attendance card during Sunday services or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ccm@stlukesokc.org). You may also call 232-1371 with your prayers concerns.

### **Faith Partners**

Faith Partners seeks to educate, refer and walk with people along their journey towards recovery from addiction. If you or someone you love struggles with addiction and would like help, please go online to [faithpartners.stlukesokc.org](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ccm@stlukesokc.org).

### **Radio Programming**

Listen to "Something to Think About" with Dr. Bob Long between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on following radio stations: 98.1 The Sports Animal and Magic 104.1. The sermon can be heard on KREF AM 1400 at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

### **TV Programming**

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as a half-hour television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. CDs are available in Threefold or contact Bev Barnes at 232-1371. We will be glad to mail a copy of the service to you. Cost is \$5 for a CD or \$10 for a DVD.

### **.Online Worship Service**

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for the 10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship Service broadcast live from the Downtown Campus. You can watch on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Simply look for the "Online Worship" link on the [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God:  
*In loving memory of Ruth McKillen who filled our lives with love, happiness and a desire to serve. Given by Jim McKillen and family.*

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in September:

*Downtown:* Allison and Tyler Petersen, Caroline and Evan Kostelka, Terri and Norman Thompson, Christa and Todd Day, Kody Day, Cori and Josh McDonald, Lisa Boswell, Danelle and Shane Milton, Caroline and Ryan Stringer, Don Pyle, Susie and Bill White, Sally and Clint Nagode, and Nicole Mooring

*Edmond:* Alice and Charles Tritthart, Sherry and Duane McDowell, Linda and Ralph Turner, Michelle Kutay, Destiny and Jake Corbin, and MaryAnn and Clarence Lee

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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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://stlukesokc.org).



### Edmond Campus Grand Opening

In just two weeks - October 16 - St. Luke's Edmond will host its "Grand Opening" with tours of the new 41,000 sq. ft. building after each service. The new Edmond campus will hold a LifeLight Service at 9:15 a.m. (led by the worship band), followed by a Traditional Service at 11 a.m. (led by the Chancel Choir, Orchestra and organ). They will have scavenger hunts around the building for the kids, food trucks after the services, live music in the garden - a big celebration lasting until 4 p.m. There are invitation cards at the Welcome Center to help you invite friends and family to the new Edmond Campus. Come see the newest chapter in the 127-year-old history of St. Luke's!



### Trunks Are Needed for Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be here before you know it! Fall Festival is Wednesday, October 26, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the south parking lot. We need volunteers to make "Trunk or Treat" better than ever. If you'd like to provide a trunk, sign up online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) or contact Susan Easton: [seasttom@stlukesokc.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesokc.org) or 609-1036.



### Bedlam Learning Series

The Bedlam Learning Series continues at St. Luke's! On October 7, speakers from OU and OSU will be talking History. OU Professor David Wrobel will discuss "John Steinbeck's America: The 1930s." For OSU, Becky Hawkes will present "This Land is Your Land - the story of Woody Guthrie." Check-in and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The first lecture is at 9 a.m., the second lecture begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is available at noon for \$7. Registration is also available at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Children's Christmas Play Audition

Auditions for the Children's Christmas Musical are coming up next week! This year, we are performing *We Three Spies*. Register online and sign up for an audition time on October 2 or 9. Everyone will be required to purchase a t-shirt for \$10, and some children will have to purchase costumes. The musical and party are Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Contact Susan Easttom for more information at: [seasttom@stlukesokc.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1036.

# 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](mailto:barmstrong@stlukesokc.org).

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### Mommy & Me Playdate - Edmond Indoor Playground

The next "Mommy & Me" playdate will be Monday, October 10, from 11:30 - 1 p.m. at the new Edmond campus! Moms can socialize as the kiddos experience the awesome three-level indoor playground and master their climbing skills on the rock wall. Lunch is \$5 and kids eat free. For more information, email Jamie Williamson at [jwilliamson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jwilliamson@stlukesokc.org).

### Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive continues until October 26. Dinner is served each week in the Christian Life Center at 5:15 p.m. and most classes start at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal is only \$5 per person and children 12 and under eat for free. This week's meal features smoked chicken, smoked brisket and potatoes. Detailed class information is available online at [stlukesokc.org/WNA](http://stlukesokc.org/WNA). You can also pick up an informational booklet at the Welcome Center.

### Parent's Night Out

Parents, how about a night out? St. Luke's is hosting a movie night for your kids, Friday, October 28, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 210. It's free childcare, free pizza, and two movies for the kids (birth - 5th grade). We will be watching *Snow White* and *Monsters, Inc.* You must pre-register your children online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) to attend. For more information, contact Susan Easttom: [seasttom@stlukesokc.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1036.



### Youth - Volleyball Picnic

Today's the day! St. Luke's Youth is spending this afternoon at the park. 6th-12th graders will play volleyball, have a picnic, and more! We will meet in the Youth Room after service and will travel together. There's no cost. For more information, call Amy at 609-1027.

### Youth - Corn Maze

Next week, we hope all Youth will join us for a Corn Maze adventure! We're going to one of the biggest and best corn mazes in Oklahoma. 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us Sunday, October 9, from 11 - 4 p.m. We will meet in the Youth room, then travel in vans together. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Bring your friends! For more information, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.