

# GAME CHANGERS

CHANGE YOUR GAME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
October 9, 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

Max Reger

*Pastorale*

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 64

NICAEA

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keith King

Here and now we are God's children,  
**brought together as a family of faith;**  
blessed with a church home  
**where we can worship,**  
grow in our faith,  
**and serve the community.**

We were created for such a time as this:  
**to share God's love and bring hope to 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.*

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. David Poteet

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

## CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Be still and know that I am God.*

## 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

## ANTHEM

arr. Craig Courtney

*Make Me an Instrument*  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*O Lord, O Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Make me an instrument of Your peace, of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that we might not seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving, that we receive. It is in pardoning, that we are pardoned. It is in dying, we are born to eternal life, eternal life. Amen.*

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. David Poteet

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

## OFFERTORY

arr. Diane Bish

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Holly Gibson, *soloist*  
St. Luke's Orchestra  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

## †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

Stephanie Greenwald

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people. And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law; all alike are to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter that he may live. And I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days." And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. Then Mordecai told them to return answer to Esther, "Think not that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:4 - 14)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

*For This Moment*  
From the Sermon Series: Game Changers

## 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 127

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

The world needs the message that we're called to deliver.

There has never been a better time

**for the good news of the grace of Christ.**

We commit our lives

**to share God's love and bring hope to the world.**

## POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Tocatta and Fugue: F Major*  
Robert Fasol, organist





# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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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 memory of Gabe Martin, Spence Newell and Kim Smith given by the Circles Class*

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.

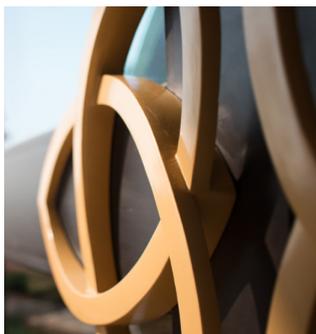
Parents with active or tearful children can watch a live feed of the service in the Watchorn Chapel. A children's activity bag is also available in the Narthex.

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

## Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit [stlukesok.org](http://stlukesok.org).

THE TIME IS  
**NOW**



### Celebrate with the Edmond Campus Today

Today is a special day in St. Luke's history. During the Worship Service at the Edmond Campus, a Consecration Service will be taking place in the newly completed Campus building. We will be celebrating how far we have come, giving thanks for all who have helped make the new campus a reality and looking forward to all that lies ahead.

### Edmond Campus Grand Opening

Next Sunday is the big day at St. Luke's Edmond as they will host their "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 the 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. Come see the newest chapter in the 127-year-old history of St. Luke's!

### El Sistema to Play at October 15 OU Home Game

The students at El Sistema Oklahoma are getting ready to play in front of 80,000+ people in Norman! They will join The Pride Of Oklahoma marching band at halftime of the OU game vs. Kansas State, October 15. El Sistema parents, volunteers, Board Members, donors and friends are cordially invited to a pre-game Continental Breakfast hosted by El Sistema Board Member and St. Luke's Executive Pastor, Rev. Phil Greenwald, on gameday from 8 - 9:30 a.m. at the OU Wesley Center (428 W. Lindsey Street). Limited grass parking is available for \$30. Pick up your El Sistema sticker to wear at the game!

### Membership Worship Service

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? You're invited to a very special Membership Worship Service in the Watchorn Chapel, October 23 at 12:15 p.m. (right after the 10:50 a.m. service). It's a time to make a special commitment to God's holy church during a time of worship and communion. Current members can also come to the event to reaffirm their vows of membership if they'd like. There will be special music, Communion, and a joining moment led by a pastor. For more information, contact Beth Armstrong at [barmstrong@stlukesok.org](mailto:barmstrong@stlukesok.org), or call 609-1045.

### 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 [stlukesok.org](http://stlukesok.org) or contact Susan Easttom: [seasttom@stlukesok.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesok.org) or 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).

## Announcements

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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).

### Join a 2017 Mission Trip to Honduras

Want to share God's love and bring hope to the world? You can start in Roatan, Honduras next year! St. Luke's is scheduled to continue its life-changing mission in Honduras twice in 2017. The registration deadline is October 30. The first trip will be March 11 - 18 (led by Natalie Roller) and second trip will be May 27 - June 3 (led by Julie Robinson). The cost is \$1,650 per person, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals in Roatan. There are a limited number of spots and we expect those to fill soon, so a \$100 deposit is due by October 30. Checks can be mailed to Natalie or Julie at 222 NW 15th Street, OKC, OK 73103. For more information on the March trip, email Natalie at [nroller@stlukesokc.org](mailto:nroller@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1010. For the May trip, email Julie at [jrobinson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jrobinson@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1009.

### Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive continues through 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 pulled pork, au gratin potatoes and cobbler for dessert. 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.

### Passages Crafting Party

"Passages: Moving from Heartache to Healing" is St. Luke's ministry for the widows and widowers of our congregation. Connect with other members who have walked a similar journey at our fall social event. Passages will be having a crafting party, where participants will create their own fall-themed custom door decoration just in time for Thanksgiving. Join us Sunday, November 6, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Mansion Library. The \$20 cost includes all supplies and refreshments. Please RSVP by October 24 by contacting Morgan Jones: 600-3415, or [mjones@stlukesokc.org](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org).

### Movie in the Garden

Come enjoy a family-friendly movie in the New St. Luke's Edmond Garden! Bring lawn chairs and blankets - and we'll provide the popcorn! It's Friday, October 21 (the movie will begin at dusk). It's a chance to enjoy the new campus, under the stars. Invite your friends and family! For more information, visit [stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org).

### Youth - Corn Maze

We're going on a Corn Maze adventure at one of the biggest and best corn mazes in Oklahoma today. 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to join us from 11 a.m. - 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!

### Youth Lunch Bunch - Next Week

6th - 12th grade Youth, don't forget! Next week, the Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together for fellowship, fun, and food after Sunday worship throughout the fall, from 12 - 2 p.m. on the following days: November 20, December 18. Bring money for food, but if you're a guest, we'll buy your lunch! Meet in the Youth room, or youth leaders will be in the Narthex at the fountain to greet any guests. Invite a friend! For more information, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.