



Year of Gratitude

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 15, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. Joe Utterback

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 88

DIADEMATA

Maker, in Whom We Live

Maker, in Whom we live, in Whom we are and move, the glory, power, and praise receive for Thy creating love. Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high, while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race render in thanks their lives to Thee for Thy redeeming grace. The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim, and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all Thy saints adore Thy sacred energy, and bless Thine heart-renewing power. Not angel tongues can tell Thy love's ecstatic height, the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above, let all on earth below record and dwell upon Thy love. When heaven and earth are fled before Thy glorious face, sing all the saints Thy love hath made Thine everlasting praise.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

God has given us the gift of fellowship
not only with our loved ones, but with all people.
The differences between us
can unite rather than divide.
In gratitude, we come together
and celebrate being one family.
We are all children of God and give thanks
to the One who brings us together.

†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. Drew Haynes

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Caroline Lucile Shepherd, daughter of Greg and Katie Shepherd, born on
May 2, 2016.

BAPTISM SONG

*Caroline, Caroline God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves
you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Caroline,
Caroline God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that
Caroline surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and
confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

ANTHEM

arr. Howard Helvey

Great Day!
Chancel Choir
Meagan Seubert, *soloist*
Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

*Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's
walls. Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up
Zion's walls.*

*Chariot rode on the mountaintop, God's gonna build up Zion's walls. My God spoke and
the chariot did stop, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

*Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's
walls. This is the day of Jubilee, God's gonna build up Zion's walls. The Lord has set His
people free, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

*Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's
walls. We want no cowards in our band, God's gonna build up Zion's walls. We call for
valiant hearted men, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

*Great day! Great day, the righteous marchin'; Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's
walls. Gonna take my breastplate, sword and shield, and march out boldly in the field.*

*Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls. Great day the righteous marchin'; God's
gonna build up Zion's walls.*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

John Mark McMillian

How He Loves
Sean Steele, *vocalist*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

He is jealous for me. Loves like a hurricane, I am a tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy. When all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory, and I realize just how beautiful You are and how great Your affections are for me.

And oh, how He loves us. Oh, oh, loves us, how He loves us all.

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Oh, how He loves. He loves us. Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves us. Oh, how He loves.

And we are His portion and He is our prize, drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes. If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking. And heaven meets earth like an overseen kiss, and my heart turns violently inside my chest. I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way He loves us.

Oh, how He loves us. Oh, oh, how He loves us.

†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

Stephanie Greenwald

Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:11-17)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Meant to be Together
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

AURELIA

We All Are One in Mission

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace so every land and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.



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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. 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 or email to 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 website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in December:

Downtown: Alison Parker, Elaine & Chris Jackson, Emily & Kyle Nelson, Carol Parker, Becky Switzer, Haydn Stulder & Lacie Corbin, and Jason Shepherd

Edmond: Marilyn Van Meter, Donna & Larry Miles, Diane & Gary Beatty, Ginger & Greg Kelliher, Elizabeth & Keith Peters, Judy & Jim Farley, Stephanie & David Hopkins, and Cathy & Troy Reavis

Asbury: Kyle Scott

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.

Wednesday Night Alive

Good news! Wednesday Night Alive starts this Wednesday. There is a class for everyone, children, youth, and adults.

Some of the adult classes offered during this session include:

- **"Re-forming Our Faith Through the Reformation"** being taught by Dr. Bob Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert;
- **"Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes - a Cultural Study I Corinthians"** taught by Rev. David Severe;
- **"Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit"** being taught by Rev. Chris Tiger.
- **"Faith Journey 101"** taught by Beth Armstrong.

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 and at the Welcome Center, or you can stop by the Gallery today to find out more information. Check out what WNA can offer you and your family at stlukesokc.org/wna.

Lunch With Bob

Dr. Bob Long has been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear his inspiring story over lunch. It's "Lunch With Bob" - January 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Beth Armstrong: barmstrong@stlukesokc.org or 609-1045. You can also visit stlukesokc.org.

Year of Gratitude

Last week Dr. Long started the yearly theme of the Year of Gratitude and 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 today near the exits. Stop by Threefold to pick up gratitude books, journals, and thank you cards.

Reformation Trip Informational 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.

Volunteer to Change a Life

A new semester is about to begin for our local schools and now is a great time to become a volunteer at Rancho Village Elementary. Reading Buddies, Math Buddies and mentors are helping to change lives and positively shape the futures of the students at Rancho Village. If you would like to sign up to serve in one of these areas or would like more information about Mission Rancho Village, please contact Rev. Keith King at 600-3417 or go to stlukesokc.org to sign up to help bring hope to the students at Rancho Village.

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 Vaught Chapel, Room 106, on Fridays, starting January 27, from noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch is available for \$5. The eight lessons will conclude on March 17. Sign up at stlukesokc.org. Books are available in Threefold.

Women of Faith Bible Study

Ladies, do you feel "stuck" in life? Then you should join the Women of Faith Bible Study, which is about to begin a new eight-week study called Stuck by Jennie Allen. They meet on Thursdays, starting January 19, from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Lunch is only \$5 and childcare is provided. The book is \$10. This is for women of all ages and stages in life. For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Become a part of the Men's Faith Group

Men of all ages, start the new year with new friends and a renewed commitment to growing in your faith. The Men's Faith Group helps us become better spiritual leaders at home, show more love to our families, and improve our ability to manage our various roles, conflicts, and distractions in life. Add depth to your study of the Bible, grow in your walk with Christ, and tackle issues that are close to you. This group is self-taught by various members, and they meet weekly on Thursdays from 7 - 7:45 a.m. in the Mansion Library. For more information, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 600-3415.

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 look 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

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.

Youth 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 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.