



# RACING TO THE FLAG

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2017  
at Ten Fifty A.M.



St. Luke's  
United Methodist Church

## 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.

Hymnals, Bibles, 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.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. Matthew Corl

*Hymn to Joy*  
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 304

REGENT SQUARE

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choicess; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

When we come into worship

**we are reminded of the gift of every minute.**

God created us for a full and meaningful life,

**why would we settle for less?**

We don't have to coast through each day;

**we don't have to watch life pass us by.**

There is a green flag waving us on,

**encouraging us to be who we were created to be.**

The race is before us and we commit

**to making the most of every moment.**

We will live life to the fullest

**as we begin the race today.**

†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. David Poteet

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face.*

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

Mark Hayes

*Higher Ground*

Chancel Choir

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

*I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day. Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."*

*My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim, is higher ground. Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's table-land, a higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*When life's song of joy has ceased, and from despair I seek release, I'll tune my ear to the Spirit's sound, and always choose the higher ground. Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's table-land, a higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*I want to scale the utmost height and catch a glimpse of glory bright; but still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground." Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's table-land, a higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher, Lord, plant my feet on higher, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground, higher ground, higher ground!*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

*Get It Started*  
 OCU Student Ensemble  
 Robert Fasol, piano

*A brand new day has come around. No time to waste, get started. Let's spread the Word to all the earth. In my heart and in my soul, a fire's burning for You. I can't contain it anymore. Here we go. Get it started. Here we go.*

*I shout it out so the world can see You're the Son of God, and alive in me. Jesus, You're the only way. You're alive, You're alive today. I shout it out so the world can see, You're the Son of God, and alive in me. Jesus, You're the only way. You're alive, You're alive today.*

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## †DOXOLOGY

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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## †THE EPISTLE

Rev. Dale Wood

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*Living Full Throttle*  
 From the Sermon Series: Racing to the Flag

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

André Previn

*Motion*  
 Robert Fasol, piano

## 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

NETTLETON

*Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*

*Look, you saints, the cloud of witness gathered 'round this sacred place; rise as one to cheer us onward, all who choose to run the race. Sound the trumpets! We will journey swift of foot and brave of soul. Let us run the race before us with our God, as those of old.*

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, the author of our faith. Set aside the sin that strangles, persevere and run the race. Hallelujah! Pressing forward, "Patience now, the end's in sight!" shout those saints who long before us safely reached the heavenly light.* (continued on reverse side)

*Though the journey seems unending, full of mystery, joy, and pain. Jesus' open arms receive us evermore with Him to reign. Praise to God, the crown of honor waits for all, the Victor cries: "Join those saints, the cloud of witness; God's redeemed shall claim the prize!"*

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We were never meant to coast along while life passes by;  
**we were created for more.**

We are called to find joy and meaning.

**We were created to help others along the way.**

God has given us His best  
**and we will give our best.**

POSTLUDE

Nicolas Lemmens

*Fanfare!*

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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**Rev. Dale Wood**

Retired Clergy

*Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**Chancel Choir**

**OCU Student Ensemble**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God:

*In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Genesis Class*

*In loving memory of Ruthie - Love, Jim McKillen and family*



Sometimes life can feel fast-paced, and yet at other times, it seems like it will take forever to get to where we want to be. How can we make sure to focus on our goal but still make the most of the journey? Time continually moves forwards but we don't have to get run over by it. We are meant to make the most of life. We are called to find joy and meaning, develop relationships, make a difference and grow in our knowledge and understanding of God and the world around us. We can change the way we run the race.



# 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.

### **Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in March:**

*Downtown:* Harlea Robinson, Kimberly Miller, Penn Henthorn, Katherine and Peter Hollifield, Erin and Eric Reneger, Steve Kuranoff and Laura Larue, Rocky Chavez and Tammi Pham, Thomas Ingram and Erin Rothrock, Jessica Ockershauser, Bobbie and Joseph Haddad, Ron Eden and Sally Lenz

*Edmond:* Lindsay Gander, Paul Nesper, Christy, Jeff and Caton Coe, Laura and Brian Manwell, Kate and Brooke Kelser, Jessica and Nathan Baldwin, Kristin and Gary Paule

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# Communication Card

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Service:  8:30  9:40  10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Guest

St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

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## Announcements

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



### Memorial Marathon

Next Sunday, April 30, make plans to cheer on those running right by St. Luke's on Harvey Ave. Volunteers are needed to maintain the watering station for runners. Sign up online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) or at the Welcome Centers. A continental breakfast will be provided in the CLC from 7 - 10:15 a.m. The Lifelight Band will be playing in the parking lot, inspiring runners for the final stretch. The Downtown Campus will not have the 8:30 or 9:40 Worship Services, but we will have one very special combined service at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you don't want to travel Downtown, the Edmond Campus is having a special day of events, including a kid's "Fun Run" in-between services and a car show. Rev. Josh Attaway will be preaching in Edmond. Service times: Lifelight Contemporary at 9:15 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m. If you have a car that could be included in the show, email Rev. Josh Attaway at [jattaway@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jattaway@stlukesokc.org) or call 285-2307. Asbury Campus will feature Rev. Connie Barnett preaching on Memorial Sunday at 10:40 a.m.

### Marathon Potluck Mixer

Before we "Run to Remember" - let's celebrate everyone participating in the OKC Memorial Marathon with a Potluck Mixer. The Edmond Campus will be hosting this potluck dinner for anyone who is a part of the Memorial Marathon - whether you're walking or running the Relay, 5K, Half Marathon, or Full Marathon. It's this Friday, April 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Edmond. Bring a dish and don't forget your running shoes - Rev. Josh Attaway will hold a special "blessing of the shoes." Bring your family and let's "carb load!" There's no cost, but please RSVP online ([stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)) or email Savannah White at [swhite@stlukesokc.org](mailto:swhite@stlukesokc.org).

### Pet Blessing

The Pet Blessing is today! St. Luke's Pet Ministry invites you to attend the "Pet Blessing" - today from 2 - 4 p.m. at the St. Luke's Mansion (201 NW 14th Street). You are welcome to bring your pet (on a leash or in a carrier) to the parking lot outside of the Mansion. Pets will be prayed over by a minister and will receive a special certificate and photo following the event.

### El Sistema Oklahoma Spring Concert

On May 3, join us to witness the transformation of lives through music at the Spring Concert of El Sistema Oklahoma! We will announce a special album release for our informal music-making ensemble called "GROUP!" The concert will feature the orchestras, chamber ensembles, and we'll be inspired by our first concerto competition winner - 8th grader Sofia Weaver. She will perform a Violin Concerto accompanied by the Orquesta Esperanza. Also, we'll have a world premiere of a new orchestral piece written by the Project 21 composers at Oklahoma City University. It all happens May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hudiburg Chevrolet Center at Rose State College (6000 Prosper Rd, Midwest City). Admission is free and dress is casual.

Prayer Requests or Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you first hear about St. Luke's?**

- TV  Radio  Web  Other  
 I'm a guest of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Age Group**

- 6th-12th Grade  College  18-30  
 31-40  41-50  51-59  60+

**I would like more info about:**

- Children's Programs  
 Youth (6th to 12th grade) Programs  
 Classes for Adults  
 Volunteer Opportunities  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Joining

- I wish to join St. Luke's  
*If you wish to join St. Luke's this morning, please bring this card to the front during the last song instead of placing it in the offering basket.*
- I would like to know more about membership.
- I'm interested in joining but don't want to come to the front.
- Contact me about other ways to join.

# Announcements

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## Canvas and Tunes Summer Day Camp

Have a child between age 10 and 13? They will have a blast this summer at a Day Camp called "Canvas and Tunes." It's a St. Luke's Children's Center Downtown program featuring art, music, field trips, community service, and more. This fun-filled summer camp will run June 5 through August 17 and is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$225 per week. For details, please contact Gabrielle Moon at [gmoon@stlukesokc.org](mailto:gmoon@stlukesokc.org), or call 600-3412.

## Acts of Wellness Meeting

Acts of Wellness invites you to our next meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. "Our guest speaker will be Ryan Ellis, an endurance athlete and owner of Conquer Training. Ryan will speak on how to have better mobility and will share daily hacks to feel and move better." Childcare will be available upon request. Can't make the meeting, but still interested in Acts of Wellness? Email Morgan Jones at [mjones@stlukesokc.org](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org) to receive future meeting notifications or call 600-3415.

## Mommy & Me

Back by popular demand, "Spaghetti Eddie" will be joining us for our next Mommy & Me playdate! Make plans to have a blast on Monday, May 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Downtown Campus in the Christian Life Center (CLC). Your little ones (infant to age 4) will be singing and dancing along to Spaghetti Eddie's fun, energetic, and educational songs like "Kitty Cat Town" and "Together Like You and Me." Lunch for moms will be \$5 (kiddos eat free). For more information or to sign up, visit [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org). And if you're interested in connecting with other St. Luke's moms and kids in your area, please contact Jamie or Taylor at [moms@stlukesokc.org](mailto:moms@stlukesokc.org). Join the Facebook group at [Facebook.com/groups/stlukesmoms](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stlukesmoms).

## Youth Summer Camps

Our Youth have a wonderful opportunity to experience a summer camp unlike any other. "Disciple Camp" for middle school students takes place June 1-5 (register by May 15). "Youth Force" for middle and high school students is June 25-30 (register by June 1). Our "Dayspring" high school students will enjoy camp from July 6-10 (register by June 15). For camp details, and to register, visit [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

## SonShine Camp

Do you have a child entering 1st or 2nd grade this fall? Before they head back to school, give them a special treat at "SonShine" Camp. On July 22 and 23 at Canyon Camp (Hinton, OK), they will enjoy activities and creative worship in this overnight camp that are geared for this younger age level; all under the caring and watchful eye of shepherds and leaders. Parents are encouraged to attend. The cost for parents is \$56. Register your child online before April 30 for an early-bird special price of \$59. After April 30 the children's price is \$79. Go to [okcamps.org](http://okcamps.org) to register. Please use the code: SonShine Camp-152 when registering.

## Growing in Grace Camp

Before your child starts the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade this fall, give them an experience they'll never forget - an opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation at a three-day, two-night event called "Growin' in Grace" Camp. It's July 17-19 at Canyon Camp (Hinton, OK). Register online at [okcamps.org](http://okcamps.org) before April 30 to receive early-bird pricing (\$167 vs. regular price \$187). Please use the code: Growin in Grace Camp-1G2 when registering.