



**RACING TO THE
FLAG**

MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Communion
Graduation Sunday
May 21, 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

Andre Campra

Processional
Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 580

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; hence-forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning wher-e'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Worship is a time to honor God

and be reminded of how we are called to run the race.

No matter what lies before us,

we are secure because of who is with us.

Though some things draw to an end,

there is another starting line ahead.

We commit to give our very best;

we will follow Christ along the way.

We will give our all

and trust God for the course ahead.

†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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Josephine Louise Taylor, daughter of Clay and Becky Taylor, born on October 12, 2016.

BAPTISM SONG

Josephine, Josephine 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. Josephine, Josephine 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 Josephine surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

ANTHEM

arr. Bradley Knight

*Victorious God
Chancel Choir
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor*

Rejoice, for death has lost its power! Rejoice, now the victory is ours. O sing, you heavenly choir. Come on, Church, lift your voices higher. Look what our God has done! Rejoice! Jesus, You're the risen One; up from the grave You rose. Jesus, You're the reigning King; You conquered all Your foes. Victorious, victorious, victorious God.

Rejoice, for God has come to save. Rejoice, for the night has turned to day. O sing, you heavenly choir. Come on, Church, lift your voices higher. Look what our God has done; rejoice! Jesus, You're the risen One; up from the grave You rose. Jesus, You're the reigning King; You conquered all Your foes. Victorious, victorious, victorious God.

Look what the Lord has done; the battle has been won now. Look what the Lord has done; the battle has been won now. Look what the Lord has done; the battle has been won now. Look what the Lord has done; the battle has been won. Jesus, You're the risen One; up from the grave You rose. Jesus, You're the reigning King; You conquered all Your foes.

Victorious, victorious, victorious God. Victorious, victorious, victorious God!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Robert E. Long

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Tom Cochrane

*Life Is a Highway
Brandt Sterling, soloist
Robert Fasol, piano*

Life's like a road that you travel on when there's one day here and the next day gone. Sometimes you bend and sometimes you stand, sometimes you turn your back to the wind. There's a world outside every darkened door where blues won't haunt you anymore. Where the brave are free and angels soar, come ride with me to the distant shore.

We won't hesitate to open the garden gate. There's not much time left today.

Life is a highway. I wanna ride it all day long. If you're going my way, I wanna drive it all day long. Life is a highway. I wanna ride it all day long. If you're going my way, I wanna drive it all day long.

There was a distance between friends and I, a misunderstanding once, but now we look it in the eye.

There's no load that I can't hold, road so rough, this I know. I'll be there when the light comes in, just tell them we're survivors.

Life is a highway. I wanna ride it all day long. If you're going my way, I wanna drive it all day long. Life is a highway, I wanna ride it all day long. If you're going my way, I wanna drive it all day long.

†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 GOSPEL

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify thy name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." (John 12:27 - 29)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Last Lap Still Matters!

From the Sermon Series: Racing to the Flag

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. There are times we have been worried over things that are ending or beginning. Forgive us when we have relied too much on our limited vision instead of trusting You for the road ahead. Even when our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. Forgive us for our shortcomings and our mistakes. Thank You for Your mercy and opportunities to begin again:

In the Name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.

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 the 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 for ever.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Robert Lowry

I Need Thee Every Hour
Isaiah Bailey, soloist
Robert Fasol, piano

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

BEECHER

God of Past, Who by Your Spirit

God of past, who by Your Spirit, led Your people through each age, may we learn from their example, by their faith our doubts assuage. May their steadfast resoluteness as they followed in Your way be for us an inspiration as we serve the present day.

God of present undertakings, give us wisdom as we build for our service in Your kingdom, that Your purpose be fulfilled. May our vision be far-reaching, and our work by You decreed, that in building for the present, we discern tomorrow's need.

God of hope, to Whom our service is entrusted for the day when Your kingdom is established and all people know Your way, by the leading of Your Spirit guide us now, new faith instill, that we face the future boldly for the doing of Your will.

COMMISSIONING OF THE MISSION TEAM

Dr. Robert E. Long

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

For every finish line,

we also find a new beginning.

While one race may end,

another one will be starting.

We will give our best

and trust God to guide us along the way.

POSTLUDE

Ronald Bell

Celebration

Robert Fasol, organist

Communion Servers

Debbie Beckner, Nancy Bell, Eric Buchanan, Paula Buchanan, Sue Gibbons, Pat Gordon, Rev. Phil Greenwald, Rev. Wendy Lambert, Marsha Long, Dr. Robert E. Long, Jeanne Morgan, Diane Parker, Sherry Pemberton, Rev. Dave Poteet, Gary Sackman, Nancy Sackman, Rev. Jeremy Sanders, Rev. Dale Wood, Jenny Wood

Please remember in prayer the Mission Team that is sharing God's love and bringing hope in Honduras.

Honduras Mission Team to Roatan, Honduras on May 27 - June 3:

Heather Kaestner, Ellen Totimeh, Kathy Nithman, Gary Brown, Mike Wallace, Kim Wallace, Libby Wallace, Aaron Augustus, Katie Oakley, Julie Robinson, Amy Daniels, Steve Daniels, Aaron Daniels, Jack Cooper, Raya Cooper, Rylee Vogel, Danielle Tolbert, Samantha Knight, Andrea Hancock, Jaden Kirby

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Jeremy Sanders

Pastor of Program Ministries

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Brandt Sterling, Soloist

Isaiah Bailey, Soloist



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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.

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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

Announcements

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

Memorial Day Sunday

Next weekend, we celebrate Memorial Day. On that Sunday, May 28, we will honor those who lost their lives in the service of our country. We will also remember those members of the St. Luke's family of faith who passed away in the preceding year. At the conclusion of all the worship services, there will be a time for anyone to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one. We invite everyone to bring a Thank You card written to someone special who has passed away. Maybe you didn't get to share your gratitude with them before they entered the kingdom of heaven. We invite you to join us for this special service.

Dessert With Bob

St. Luke's has been blessed to have Senior Pastor Dr. Bob Long for 26 years. This afternoon you can hear the inspiring story of his faith journey while enjoying dessert. Join Dr. Long for "Dessert with Bob" today, from 2 - 4 p.m., in the Mansion Library. He will share what led him across the Red River to St. Luke's and discuss the amazing 128-year history of the church. Dr. Long will also discuss what it means to become a member of St. Luke's - and offer a private joining ceremony at the end of the program. Childcare is provided.

Picture Yourself in the Fast Lane Today

St. Luke's is taking the "Racing To The Flag" sermon series to the road! Well... to the parking lot. Today, following the 9:40 and 10:50 a.m. worship services, there will be two Stock Cars and one NASCAR Truck on the St. Luke's property for the congregation to enjoy. Get your cameras ready and have your picture taken with them. Invite your friends!

Annual Conference Worship

St. Luke's is excited to be hosting two worship services for this year's Annual Conference. Join us on Monday, May 29, and Wednesday, May 31. The Pre-Service Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Our new Bishop, Jimmy Nunn, will preach on both nights and the St. Luke's Choir will be singing on Wednesday. Join us for this special event!

Parent's Night Out

Make plans to enjoy a Friday night out while your children have a blast at St. Luke's Edmond! Mark your calendar for Friday, May 26, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Edmond Campus. Bring your kids (infant-5th grade) to the church for a night of free childcare. They will eat pizza, play games, and watch a movie. Also, youth from 6th - 12th grade are invited to volunteer to help out! Sign up online at stlukesokc.org by May 24.

VBS Work Night

Want to bring joy to hundreds of children while having fun? We need volunteers to work on set pieces and other projects for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at both our Downtown and Edmond Campuses. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Join us the next three Wednesdays - May 24, 31 and June 7 - from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 210. Please register by emailing Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or 609-1036.

Make a Splash Sunday

The Splash Pad is back! Families with children are invited to bring their kids to St. Luke's Downtown on "Make A Splash Sunday" - June 4, from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will provide water inflatables and our Splash Pad will be open for fellowship and fun! Also enjoy free hot dogs and fixings! There's no registration and no charge. Bring swimsuits, towels, sunscreen and lawn chairs.

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

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

Holy Land Trips 2018

St. Luke's will be leading two trips to the Holy Land next year! Join Rev. Wendy Lambert for a trip May 30 – June 9, 2018, to the Holy Land and Jordan. Or join Rev. Phil & Stephanie Greenwald and Susan Easttom for a Holy Land trip for families and children June 7 - 14, 2018. Brochures are at the Welcome Centers and you're invited to attend meetings at both campuses. At the Edmond Campus: Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. in the Education Room 131. At the Downtown Campus: Sunday, June 25, 9:40 a.m. in Room 204 and at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Rafi Rozanes, a professional guide from the Holy Land, will be there to answer any questions. Traveling to the Holy Land is an incredible experience that will deepen your faith and understanding of scripture and impact your relationship with God and others. Come and find out how your life can be changed by one of these trips with your family of faith. RSVP at stlukesokc.org/Holyland

Volunteers Needed

Do you like meeting and greeting people? Do you have some time during the week to help make a difference? There is a need for volunteers to help with administrative office duties at the Downtown Campus. This will include answering phones, greeting visitors and some light office duties. Volunteers are needed for various shifts, Monday – Thursday. This is a great opportunity to get to know the St. Luke's staff and to be a valuable part of the team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marsha Long – mlong@stlukesokc.org or 609-1038.

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. There is limited space available. The cost is \$225 per week. For details, please contact Gabrielle Moon at gmoon@stlukesokc.org, or call 600-3412.

Children's Camps

Summer Camp is a great way to share God's love and grow in your faith. It's also tons of fun! Your child will make new friends while enjoying swimming, hiking, games, crafts, and small group time. "Sonshine" Camp is for 1st and 2nd Graders, July 22-23. "Growin' In Grace" Camp is for 3rd to 5th Graders, July 17-19. Parents of 1st and 2nd graders are encouraged to accompany their children. For more information and to register online, go to okcamps.org. Please use the code: SonShine Camp-1S2 or Growin in Grace Camp-1G2 when registering.

Youth Launch Today

Don't miss out on this summer kick-off event! We are launching into the summer (and launching current 5th graders into our youth group) today after church from noon - 3:30 p.m. We'll have food, games, t-shirts, and more to get ready for the summer! ALL youth from our newest 6th graders to our recent graduates and everyone in between are invited to come for a huge bash and lots of fun! The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

Youth Sunday Holidays

It's a Youth celebration that lasts all summer long! From May 28 (next week) through August 6, we will host a party in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. We're going to celebrate a different holiday with a themed lesson each week. Halloween in June? Christmas in July? As Russell Westbrook would say, "why not?" All 6th-12th grade youth are invited. Let's party!