

In Matters of
LIFE AND DEATH AND LIFE

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2018
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

Antonio Vivaldi

Concerto in D Minor (Allegro - Largo)
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 66

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We are drawn together to worship God;
who was, who is, and who always will be.
God calls us to give our best in each moment;
to live as the people we were created to be.
We have things in our past:
mistakes we made and painful circumstances.
Yet they do not need to define us;
we are more than the things that happened.
Christ came that we might have life
and that we might have life more abundantly.
He released us from captivity of the past
and we are free to pursue life to the fullest!

†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 new,
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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Palmer Wade Lee, son of Houston and Meredith Lee, born on October 27, 2017.

BAPTISM SONG

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

†HYMN 383

BEGINNINGS

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our is making all things new.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

HOPE Center of Edmond

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Mark Hayes

In the Garden
Chancel Choir
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing. And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me is falling, but He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known, none other has ever known, ever known.

†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 GOSPEL

Rev. Wendy Lambert

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And one ran and, filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he thus breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. (Mark 15:33 - 47)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

"You can't change the past, but..."

From the Sermon Series: In Matters of Life and Death and Life

MUSICAL REFLECTION

William J. Kirkpatrick

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Kevin Slavin, soloist

Robert Fasol, piano

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know: "Thus sayeth the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more! O for grace to trust Him more!

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

HYFRYDOL

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.

YOUTH MISSION TEAMS COMMISSIONING

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Here and now we are God's children

we know that God is always with us.

The things that have happened

no longer define us.

Christ has set us free;

we will live life to the fullest!

POSTLUDE

Antonio Vivaldi

Concerto in D Minor (Allegro)

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Kevin Slavin, Soloist

Please keep in your prayers the Youth Mission Teams who are sharing God's love during their Spring Break

Middle School Mission Team traveling to Kansas City

Students: Alex Benda, Gabe Buxton, Corbin Cardoza, Grace Cavett, Lily Cavett, Jaylen Coe, Jackson Conroe, Adam Curran, Aubrey Duggan, Claire Foreman, Hayden Foreman, Avony Green, Ella Kate King, Justin Kohs, Katelin McDonald, Ella Pilgrim, Reese Pirrong, Courtney Pukaite, Callie Selke, Taylor Selke, Rachael Storm, Corea Tucker, Ethan Willimon

Adults: Lori Cook, Jeremy Biggs, Cary Pirrong, Mavon Tucker

High School Mission Team traveling to the Navaho Indian Reservation in New Mexico

Students: Arden Boydston, Caton Coe, Sophie Gallagher, Nia Grigsby, Julia Hodge, Grace Jackson, Jayden Kelly, Kamryn Kelly, Brooke Kelsner, Chandler Kessler, Paris Khandros, Brooks Lambert, Raiden Lambrix, Erika Manning, Maizey Orr, Mallory Pursell, Harlea Robinson, Jaron Severson, Quinton Walters

Adults: Amy Givens, Brian Givens, Wendy Lambert, Evan Nicklas, Steven Resendez, Kim Robberson



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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 February:

Downtown: Kay Gustafson, Linda Branscum, Cole and Alli Carter, Linda Foster, Susan and Thomas Laster, Linda Romanelli, Ann Salyer Cox and Andrew Thomas, Megan DeBord, Fred and Lavada Loper, Rusty and Ashley Walton, John Zuniga, Joel and Rachel Flagger

Edmond: Scott and Jeanne Bennett, Thomas Bennett, Lori Monsey, Sherrie and Bryan Benson, Marilyn and Pat Murphy, Rebekah Murphy, Kathy Greet and Jay Hoberecht, Melissa and Steve Kendrick, Jeannie and Dean Couch, Pam and Dallas New, James, Robert, Eric and Natalie Cleveland, Van Mitchell, Martha Rasmussen, Jami and Aaron Vrbenec, Wes Robertson, JD Robertson



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.

Columbarium and Memorial Wall Special

The Columbarium and Memorial Wall at St. Luke's is a sacred space for remembering our loved ones, the "Saints on Whose Shoulders We Stand." During the month of March, niches and plaques will be 10% off the regular price. Niches hold one or two urns with the cremated remains of loved ones who have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. Plaques honor those who have been buried elsewhere. For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact Rev. Phil Greenwald at pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org or call 232-1371.

Order an Easter Lily

St. Luke's will be adorned with beautiful flowers Easter Sunday - April 1. You can purchase an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Cost for the lily is only \$20. The order deadline is March 25. Order forms are available online and at the Welcome Centers. When the Easter service is over, you may take your lily home with you.

Volunteer for the Congregational Care Ministry

Do you love helping others and offering a word of encouragement? The St. Luke's Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) would love for you to join the team! CCM provides care, concern, and prayer for our entire family of faith. With a card, phone call, or visit, you can help so many people going through hard times (divorce, health, job loss, financial, etc). In addition, St. Luke's @ Home Ministry helps our homebound members stay connected with their church. If you'd like to know more about these ministries or if you'd like to find out how you can volunteer to serve in these areas, you can contact Rev. Dave Poteet at dpoteet@stlukesokc.org or contact Lauren Clanin at lclanin@stlukesokc.org - or call 232-1371.

Church Tour

The hallways of St. Luke's are steeped in history. This family of faith dates back to the Oklahoma Land Run! 129 years and counting! Want to know more? We would love to meet you in the Gallery on Sunday, March 18 at the conclusion of the 10:50 service for a guided tour of the church to learn more about the building's history and how to get around.

UMW Bake Sale

The halls of St. Luke's are going to smell wonderful on Palm Sunday. That's because the United Methodist Women are hosting a Bake Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, in the Gallery. You'll be supporting missions by purchasing some of these delicious treats. Be sure to stop in early to purchase goodies!

Youth Dodgeball Tournament Today!

All youth are invited to enjoy a fun and friendly competition, fellowship, and worship with other youth groups at the Youth Dodgeball Tournament! Come represent the St. Luke's dodgeball team or cheer squad as we go up against other youth groups (6th - 12th grade) in this fun tournament at Edmond First UMC today, from 3:30 - 7 p.m. There's no cost, and dinner will be provided!

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.



Palm Sunday

In just two weeks, St. Luke's will be celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday - with a special tradition. On March 25, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to come early to wave palm branches in the Sanctuary and the CLC at the beginning of each service. Parents may drop off children in Sunday school classes, or meet the group near the back doors of the worship areas. For details, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Good Friday reaffirms our focus on Jesus as Christ through His crucifixion, and prepares us for His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You're invited to a powerful and meaningful Good Friday Tenebrae Service - a Worship Service with Meditations on the Stations of the Cross. The service is Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be childcare available for infant - 5th grade.

Membership Worship Service

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? The Membership Worship Service is a great opportunity to join the St. Luke's family of faith in a private, worshipful setting. The service will have special music, Holy Communion, and a joining moment led by one of our St. Luke's pastors. Join us on Friday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Watchorn Chapel. The service will conclude in time to attend the Good Friday service that begins at 7:30 p.m. For details, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Easter Egg Hunt

Get your cameras ready for one of the most adorable events of the year! The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31, at 10 a.m. at the OCU Quad (2501 N. Blackwelder, OKC). Thousands of eggs will be scooped up by children who can also enjoy inflatables and meet the Easter Bunny! All families with children are invited, so bring your family and friends! There's no registration or cost.

Easter Worship

You can plan your Easter worship now. Traditional Worship Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and LifeLight Contemporary begins at 9:40 a.m. Easter Worship is available at the other St. Luke's Campuses: Asbury - 10:40 a.m. and Edmond - 9:15, and 11 a.m. Edmond is also having two special services with Rev. Josh Attaway preaching; Saturday at 5 p.m. and a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday Morning.



EASTER OFFERING

When you give to the 2018 Easter Offering, you will be supporting more than 50 different ministries – organizations that bless the lives of others beyond the walls of St. Luke's. Throughout Lent, we will highlight four of those ministries to give you an idea of the impact your generosity will have. Donation envelopes are available during worship. Gifts may also be made by calling the Finance Office at 232-1371, or online at stlukesokc.org/give. You can also donate by text. Simply text the words "STL GIVE" to the number 73256 and follow the instructions.

***Give to the Easter Offering
using your mobile device.***

STEP 1

Text the word "STL GIVE" to 73256.

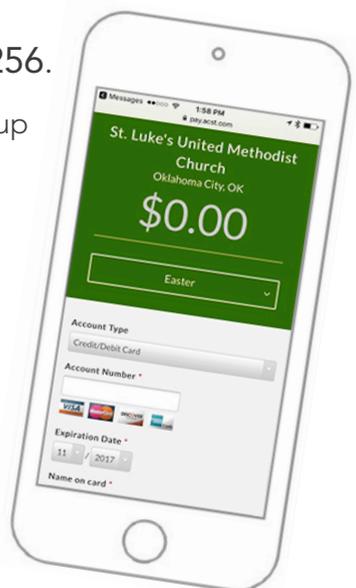
You'll get a text back with a link to set up your text messaging giving account.

STEP 2

Select the amount, use the dropdown menu for designated gifts, and fill out your payment information.

STEP 3

Save the number 73256 to your contacts for future donations.



TODAY'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT

HOPE CENTER OF EDMOND

Meeting the basic needs of the people in our community who are having personal emergencies or crises.

ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

HOPE Center of Edmond was organized in 1984 to meet a community need for a central agency to provide social services. The Center was developed by the Edmond Ministerial Alliance, an interdenominational council of churches, with volunteers and a grant from the Edmond's Women's Club. The purpose of the HOPE Center is to meet the basic needs of members in the Edmond Community.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

HOPEfully Yours

This upscale resale project utilizes donations from the community to maximum benefit for the HOPE Center clients. Items which can be donated include clothing, furniture, and household items. Items which are not useful to our clients,



such as "dry clean only" clothing, antiques, collectibles, and more are sold at the resale shop, HOPEfully Yours, at 908 N. Broadway in Edmond. The proceeds from the sale of these

items help fund a food pantry program, emergency financial assistance program, and the HOPE Center Health Clinic's prenatal program.

Health Clinic

This clinic assists in providing prenatal care for uninsured women in the Edmond community who would otherwise be without.

WIC services also help to meet the nutrition needs of women, along with their infants and young children. In the past year, the HOPE Center Health Clinic scheduled 18,457 appointments. At these appointments, participants were given one-on-one, in-depth nutrition counseling.



IN 2017

The HOPE Center helped the community in 2017 by providing:

- \$325,000 paid for rent and utilities
- 4,102 families with food
- 8,405 families with clothing and household items
- 17 babies born through the prenatal clinic

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

\$40

Provides 2 gas cards, or non perishable food and hygiene items for those in need.

\$200

Provides 80 gallons of milk, or chicken and hamburger meat for 40 families.