

*In Matters of*  
**LIFE AND DEATH AND LIFE**

Palm Sunday  
March 25, 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

arr. Peggy Bettcher

*The Power of the Cross  
Bells of St. Luke's  
Cynthia Adair, director*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 280

ST. THEODULPH

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The company of angels are praising Thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Hosanna! Blessed be the Lord!

**Glory to God and His salvation!**

We come before the God of all eternity

**to remember who we are and whose we are.**

What have we to dread?

**What have we to fear?**

Death does not hold us captive.

**Christ brought us everlasting life!**

†UNISON PRAYER

Let us pray:

**O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live,**

so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

*Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.*

*Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.*

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

Charles Adam Pugh, son of Adam and Sarah Pugh, born on November 4, 2017.

BAPTISM SONG

*Charles, Charles 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. Charles, Charles 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**

**Charles surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and**

**confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

†HYMN 278

ELLACOMBE

*Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.*

*"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

ANTHEM

arr. Mark Hayes

*The Holy City*

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Wendyle Andrews, *soloist*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair. I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang, I thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang. I thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang.*

*Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!*

*And then I thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.*

*Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King!*

*And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide; and all who would might enter and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day; it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.*

*Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forevermore! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forevermore!*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

Cleats 4 Kids

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Arnold Sherman

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Bells of St. Luke's and Brass Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *organist*  
Cynthia Adair, *director*

†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 he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes." (Luke 19:28 - 42)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*"...and in awareness of death"*

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

BALM IN GILEAD

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
Caroline Baniewicz, *soloist*  
Robert Fasol, *piano*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you look for knowledge He'll never refuse to lend.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

## 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 700

EVENTIDE

### *Abide with Me*

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Christ came that we might have life  
**and have it more abundantly.**

Christ conquered sin and death  
**that we might know everlasting life.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
**God is with us. Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Hubert Parry

### *Jerusalem*

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**

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**Bells of St. Luke's**

*Cynthia Adair, Director*

*Holly Gibson, Selena Gilliam, Steve Graham, Brianna Hillebrand, Margaret Howell, Vicky Kelly, Erika March, Dennis Martin, Ingrid May, Bill Morris, Rita Pierce, Jeff Sabin, Joe Wine*



# 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 and 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 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 Flaggert

*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

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# Announcements

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

## Order an Easter Lily

Today is the final day to order 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. Order forms are available online and at the Welcome Centers.

## Holy Week Prayer Stations

St. Luke's Youth have designed interactive Prayer Stations to encourage you to connect with Christ in prayer and help you to focus on God during Holy Week. The Youth Room will also have a walking prayer labyrinth for you to experience. They will be open on Thursday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - and on Friday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Simply show up at your convenience and take your time.

## Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk

Remember the last hours of the life of Christ and prepare for Easter with time in prayer and reflection. The 14 stations of the cross mark the events that took place on Jesus' journey to Golgotha, where He would be crucified and placed in the tomb. The 14 stations will be marked along the walking trails at the Edmond Campus on Good Friday, March 30. Throughout the day, you can pick up a booklet at the Welcome Center that will guide you as you travel to each station. The walking trail begins near the south entrance of the church.

## Membership Worship Service This Friday

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 small, worshipful setting. The service will have special music, Holy Communion, and a joining moment led by a St. Luke's pastor 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](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1028.

## 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.

## Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday!

Get your cameras ready for one of the most adorable events of the year! The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place this 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!

## Easter Worship

Celebrate Easter with your family of faith at St. Luke's! 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.

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](http://stlukesokc.org).

### UMW Bake Sale Today

St. Luke's is 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. Stop by early before they're gone.

### Columbarium Tour

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. The Columbarium and Memorial Garden will be open immediately following each service today and Rev. Phil Greenwald will be there to answer your questions.

### Volunteer with Rebuilding Together

Share God's love by serving our community with your Sunday school class, community group, family, or friends! Saturday, April 14, is Rebuilding Day in the Akers Park neighborhood in South OKC. Volunteers will blitz the area with repairs and renovations to make the homes safe, dry, and warm. Working with Rebuilding Together, St. Luke's is sponsoring a house and we need volunteers to help. You can sign up today at the Welcome Center. More details and an online sign up are available at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Parent's Night Out

Parents, when is the last time you had a date night? Let St. Luke's Downtown Campus take care of your children while you enjoy Parent's Night Out on Friday, April 6, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Your kids will have delicious food and lots of fun while you hit the town! This free childcare is for families with children ages infant - 5th grade. Register online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) before April 4.

### Scholarship Opportunity

The St. Luke's UM Foundation will distribute over \$20,000 in scholarships from the Bob and Helen Jo Hendrick Scholarship Fund to students attending Oklahoma City University in 2018/19. For an application, please email Phil Greenwald at [pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org](mailto:pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org). The deadline for applications is April 15.

### Women of Faith Begins New Bible Study

Experience God's peace in your life through a new Women of Faith Bible study by Max Lucado - "Anxious for Nothing." Women of all ages are invited to this Bible study that begins April 5 from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library and is held every Thursday through May 3. Simply show up, no book is required, lunch is \$5, childcare is free. For details, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1027.

### Canvas and Tunes - Summer Camp

Parents - are your children too old for childcare but too young to stay at home alone this summer? Then join us for a fun-filled summer camp at St. Luke's! "Canvas and Tunes" Summer Day Camp is for 9-13 year olds, starting June 4. Camp runs Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with breakfast and lunch included. Local artists will lead classes in art and music, plus field trips, service projects, and more! Tuition is \$225 per week. Space is limited! For more information contact Julie Robinson at [jrobinson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jrobinson@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1009.



# 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](http://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.

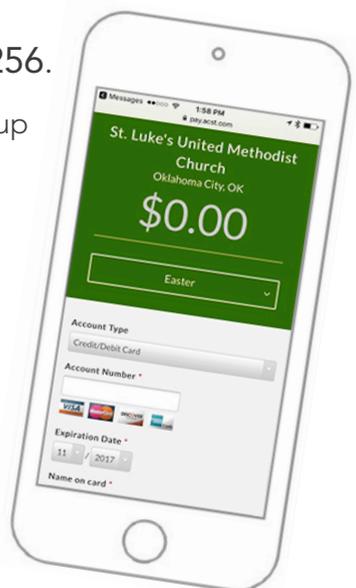
You'll get a text back with a link to set up your text messaging giving account.

## 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

## CLEATS FOR KIDS (C4K) *Equipping and Empowering Kids*

### ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

C4K empowers kids to live healthier lifestyles and learn life lessons through sports by providing sports shoes and safe equipment to kids in need. It is a unique, one-of-a-kind mission in the OKC community. By getting more kids involved in sports, C4K changes lives and gives under-served kids hope and self-confidence. Their mission also promotes *kids helping kids* by encouraging giving back to their community and starting them down a path of philanthropy beyond mere volunteering.



### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Sports provide kids a unique way to strengthen their bodies, minds, and characters. In fact, sports may be just the thing that helps change a child's life by improving their health or giving them a much-needed place to belong. However, one in four families in Oklahoma lives in poverty and 90% of kids in Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) receive free or reduced lunch. In households where putting food on the table is difficult, purchasing gear to play sports safely can be out of the question. These kids are the largest group of C4K recipients and may never get to play sports without C4K's help.



C4K is able to provide this equipment free of charge through community drives and drop-off donation centers where they gather new and used equipment from across the community. Once the gear is collected, hundreds of volunteers then help sort and clean each piece of equipment so young athletes and coaches can come and "shop" at the C4K store free of charge.

### IMPACT

C4K has partnered with 40 school districts to provide over 60,000 sporting good items. Last year they helped 6,500 kids, saw a 17% higher graduation rate for OKC Public School athletes, up to 40% higher test scores, and fewer discipline problems.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**\$40** Provides training shoes for 2 athletes in the Ready to Run Program.

**\$200** Provides shoes and equipment for Gear Up for Kids Program.