

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

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 4, 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

David T. Clydesdale

*Holy*  
St. Luke's Orchestra  
Robert Fasol, *organist*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 139

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning, bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in His keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds. Hast thou not known His sustaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Draw near to Christ;

**Christ offers Himself to us.**

Our lives are transformed by kindness:

**the grace and mercy of God,**

love and care from family,

**encouragement from friends and acquaintances.**

Kindness is a gift for us to receive

**and a gift for us to share.**

Draw near to Christ;

**we accept the kindness He offers to us and to all.**

†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

*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

George Randell Snowden, son of Jeff and Marissa Snowden, born on September 19, 2017.

## BAPTISM SONG

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

## †HYMN 432

CHEREPONI

*Jesu, Jesu*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

*Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

*These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and You. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

*Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with You. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

*Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with You. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.*

MISSION MOMENT

Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO)

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Walter L. Black

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free. Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love. Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best. 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own. How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!*

*O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love!*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus spread His praise from shore to shore! How He loveth, everloveth, changeth never, never more. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me. And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee, to Thee, to Thee.*

†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 while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. But there were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment thus wasted? For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." (Mark 14:3-9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*When will the night end?*

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Leslie Bricusse

*Fill the World with Love*

Greg Gore, *soloist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*In the morning of my life I shall look to the sunrise, at a moment in my life when the world is new. And the blessing I shall ask is that God will grant me, to be brave and strong and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through. And to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love my whole life through.*

*In the noontime of my life I shall look to the sunshine, at a moment in my life when the sky is blue. And the blessing I shall ask will remain unchanging, to be brave and*

*strong and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through. And to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love my whole life through.*

*In the evening of my life I shall look to the sunset, at a moment in my life when the night is due. And the question I shall ask only You can answer. Was I brave and strong and true? Did I fill the world with love my whole life through? Did I fill the world with love, did I fill the world with love, did I fill the world with love my whole life through?*

## 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

LANCASHIRE

### *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

*The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing; our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring, for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still receive, and for the generations who faithfully believed.*

*The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be companions on a journey, where all the world may see that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy; where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.*

*The love of Jesus calls us to go where He would go, to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow, to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more; for those who seek His kingdom, Christ opens every door.*

*The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

In Christ we see the goodness of God;  
**we have been blessed by His love and grace.**  
Our lives are strengthened by kindness  
**and we are called to show it to others.**  
Together we will share God's love  
**and bring hope to the world.**

## POSTLUDE

Modeste Moussorgsky

*Grand Recessional*  
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 and Orchestra**  
**Eric Bradford, Conductor**  
**Greg Gore, Soloist**

Holy Communion is offered this morning in Watchorn Chapel at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. It is served by the Congregational Care Ministry Team.



# 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 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

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# Announcements

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



St. Luke's  
**C.C.M.**  
 Congregational Care Ministry

### 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, stop by the Gallery today and visit with a Care Team member. You can also contact Rev. Dave Poteet at [dpoteet@stlukesokc.org](mailto:dpoteet@stlukesokc.org) or contact Lauren Clanin at [lclanin@stlukesokc.org](mailto:lclanin@stlukesokc.org) - or call 232-1371.



**EL SISTEMA**  
 OKLAHOMA

### El Sistema Oklahoma Mid-Winter Concert

You're invited to a free El Sistema Mid-Winter Concert that will showcase all the hard work our young students are putting in. Come hear us celebrate our theme "Super Heroes, Super Kids" on Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Community College Visual and Performing Arts Center (7777 S May).

### Columbarium and Memorial Wall Special

The St. Luke's Columbarium and Memorial Wall 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. 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](mailto: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 in memory of a loved one. 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. When the Easter service is over, you may take your lily home with you.

### Pet Ministry Meeting

If you have a heart for animals, you're invited to be a part of the Pet Ministry! This Community Group fosters the remarkably unique and spiritual relationships we share with animals who provide us comfort and companionship. The next Pet Ministry meeting is Tuesday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Rev. Keith King will be our guest speaker to discuss the theology of animal creation! For details, email Beth Armstrong at [barmstrong@stlukesokc.org](mailto:barmstrong@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1045.

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).



**Trip to the Holy Land and Jordan!**

You're invited to join Rev. Wendy Lambert on a trip to the Holy Land and Jordan, May 30 - June 9, 2018. It will be a journey that can truly deepen your faith, enhance your connection to your family of faith, and make the Bible come alive! There are brochures at the Welcome Centers or online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org). For more information, contact Wendy at [w Lambert@stlukesokc.org](mailto:w Lambert@stlukesokc.org).

**Lenten Devotionals**

The staff has written devotionals for the Lenten Season. You can pick up a copy of these devotional booklets at the Welcome Center today. If you would rather have a digital version: follow Facebook.com/stlukesokc or sign up for the Devotional Email at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org). Wednesday Night Alive

**Wednesday Night Alive**

Join us for the Spring Session of Wednesday Night Alive! The menu for the next WNA is lasagna, chicken pasta primavera, grilled vegetables, garlic knots, cookies, and cheesecake frozen yogurt. Dinner is served in the CLC at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). Classes begin at 6:30. Class descriptions are available at the Welcome Center and online at [stlukesokc.org/wna](http://stlukesokc.org/wna).



**Youth Dodgeball Tournament**

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. It's Sunday, March 11, from 3:30 - 7 p.m. Vans will leave from St. Luke's to go to Edmond First UMC. There's no cost, and dinner will be provided! For more, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.



# 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 five 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

## Neighborhood Services Organization

*Transforming lives and encouraging independence through safe, healthy homes, dental care, and nutrition.*

### ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

Founded in 1920 by Methodist women who named their organization Wesley Community House. In 1946, they helped found Bethlehem Center, and in 1969 the two organizations joined with Neighborhood Centers to create one entity: Neighborhood Services Organization, now referred to simply as NSO. After nearly 100 years the organization has grown and been creative in the way it approaches the challenges faced by low-income residents.



### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

#### WIC CLINIC

NSO maintains Oklahoma's largest Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Clinic to provide nutritional education, supplemental foods, and assistance to mothers with infants.

#### DENTAL CLINIC

NSO's low-cost dental clinic provides affordable dental procedures and preventative care for individuals in the Oklahoma City metro.

#### HOUSING PROGRAMS

NSO operates three transitional housing programs and two permanent housing programs. Residents are provided with a safe, healthy home, life skills classes, and case management services. They each enjoy their own personal space as well as the strong community bond that exists among the residents.

#### NSO SUCCESS STORY

Nikita was living with her daughter, Syndal, in a hotel, unable to save any money for food or an apartment. Thankfully, she found NSO and was able to move into a fully furnished apartment at NSO's Gatewood housing program. Through life skills classes and with peace of mind, Nikita was able to go back to school, spend time with her daughter, and get her life back on track.



"I would like others to know how NSO gives me peace of mind, just knowing I have a warm place to go at night," Nikita said. "Having caring people to turn to is truly a blessing."

Nikita graduated from the Gatewood program and is now working full-time with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and is truly an NSO success story.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# \$40

Provides **16** hygiene kits for people

living on the street, or supplies for **two dental procedures** for uninsured Oklahomans.

# \$200

Covers monthly utilities for one family at Gatewood

Transitional **Housing for three months**, or **four month's worth of gas** for transportation to job interviews.