



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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

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

PRELUDE

Thomas A. Dorsey

Walk Over God's Heaven

Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 127

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We gather to worship the Lord;
who was, who is, and who always will be.

God is our strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Christ comforts us in the midst of our struggles;
His healing hand is upon us.

We are not held back by painful circumstances;
Christ has set us free.

†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

*I'm so glad somehow, I've got salvation now. It keeps the Spirit moving in my soul.
Every day I find it's peace and joy in mind. It keeps me singing in my soul.*

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

*I sing from morn 'til night. It makes my burdens light, and I'm singing, yes, I'm
singing in my soul.*

†HYMN 533

MARTIN

We Shall Overcome

*We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!*
*We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand
someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!*
*We shall all be free, we shall all be free, we shall all be free someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all be free someday!*
*We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!*
*The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us
through, someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe the Lord will see us
through someday!*

ANTHEM

arr. Bob Chilcott

Rain
Chancel Choir
Kevin Slavin, soloist
Leon Williams, saxophone
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*Sleep, sleep tonight, and may your dreams be realized. If the thundercloud passes rain
so let it rain, rain down on him.*

So let it be. So let it be.

*Sleep, sleep tonight, and may your dreams be realized. If the thundercloud passes rain so
let it rain, let it rain, rain on him.*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

Thomas A. Dorsey

Peace in the Valley

Leon Williams, *saxophone*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

†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!*

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Erika Manning

All: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home Thomas A. Dorsey

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 40:1-5)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Comfort, Comfort My People

From the Sermon Series: Music That Changed the World

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Thomas A. Dorsey

arr. Jack Schrader

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Meagan Seubert, Holly Gibson,

Kevin Slavin, Wendyle Andrews, *vocalists*

Leon Williams, *saxophone*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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

In Suffering Love the Thread of Life

LAND OF REST

In suffering love the thread of life is woven through our care, for God is with us; not alone our pain and toil we bear.

There is a rock, a place secure, within the storm's cold blast; concealed within the suffering night God's covenant stands fast.

In love's deep womb our fears are held; there God's rich tears are sown and bring to birth, in hope newborn, the strength to journey on.

Lord, to our hearts Your joy commit, in to our hands Your pain, so send us out to touch the world with blessings in Your name.

In suffering love, our God comes now, hope's vision born in gloom; with tears and laughter shared and blessed the desert yet will bloom.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ has set us free

through His mercy and love.

The Lord has come into our lives

to help us get to our feet,

to set us upon the path,

and calls us to comfort one another.

POSTLUDE

Thomas A. Dorsey

The World Will Make a Way Somehow

Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Erika Manning

St. Luke's Youth

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Kevin Slavin, Vocalist

Meagan Seubert, Vocalist

Holly Gibson, Vocalist

Wendyle Andrews, Vocalist

Leon Williams, Saxophone



Throughout history, God has used music to speak about love, justice, beauty, and courage. Sometimes the words of a song inspired people to stand up for what was right. Sometimes it was the beauty of the music itself that brought joy. In scripture, music has been used to praise God, calm royalty, celebrate victory, and rejoice in times of deliverance. Music not only changes the world, but has the power to change our lives as well.



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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 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 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 March:

Downtown: Marcie Ellington, Corey and Andrea Horsch, Rex and Karen Pilkington, Randy Noell, Todd and Sarita Smith, Greg and Paige Johnson, Garrett and Carola McCullough, Stanton and Kerry Nelson, Katherine and Tyler Moore, Lora and Shane Souza, Steven Hardebeck and Pamela Jaronek, Pam Haynie, Curt and Beth Jennings

Edmond: Bettie Sue Sterling, Elaine and Don Frissell, Lindy and Brad Weber, Karie and Charles Carpenter, Paris Khandros

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

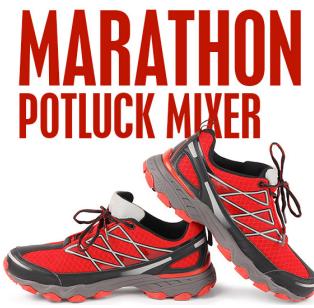
Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit stlukesokc.org



Memorial Run Next Sunday!

Join St. Luke's as we support OKC's most inspirational event of the year - the Run to Remember. The Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon will run right by the Downtown Campus on April 29 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to hand out water to the runners and cheer them on for the final stretch. If you are running in the race there is a special dry-fit shirt for you and if you have a home next to the marathon, St. Luke's has a support kit for you. Sign up to volunteer as a runner or host house online at stlukesokc.org/marathon. The LifeLight Band will be playing music in the parking lot and breakfast will

be served in the CLC. The Downtown Campus will have one service at 10:50 a.m. with Rev. Dave Poteet preaching. The Edmond Campus will have both services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. with Rev. Josh Attaway preaching



Runner's Potluck and Blessing of the Shoes at Edmond Campus

Are you "running to remember" in this year's OKC Memorial Marathon? Come and enjoy fellowship, carb-load, and swap stories with others who are participating. Bring your family's favorite dish, and your running shoes. We will eat and then have a special blessing of the shoes. It's April 27 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Edmond Campus in Room 133. It's for anyone running the 5K, Relay, 1/2 Marathon, or Full Marathon. RSVP to Savannah White at swhite@stlukesokc.org - let her know what dish you're bringing.

Cleats for Kids Donations

Have you been spring cleaning? It's a great time to clean out closets and put old clothing and equipment to good use! St. Luke's is partnering with the Cleats for Kids "Grow the Game" campaign to collect new or gently-used sports equipment and apparel to benefit Oklahoma kids under 18 who need equipment to participate in athletic programs. Donation boxes are at the Welcome Centers through Sunday, April 29. Donations can include new and lightly-used gloves, balls, pads, cleats, and rackets, gym shorts, or other athletic apparel. The only item they don't stock is football helmets. Email Josh Attaway at jattaway@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2307 for details.

Membership Sunday

Have you thought about joining our family of faith? Stop by the Mansion on Sunday morning, May 6 for Membership Sunday. A St. Luke's pastor will be in the Mansion Prayer Chapel ready to welcome you into membership or answer any questions you may have about membership. For more information about becoming a member, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

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.

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 or call 609-1009.

Growin' in Grace Camp

Your children can make new friends while growing in their faith at summer camp! Early bird registration is now available through April 30 for Growin' in Grace Camp. It's for children entering 3rd through 5th grade this fall. Campers will spend 2 nights in cabins with bunk beds. They will attend worship sessions, participate in small group Bible studies, take hikes, swim, and enjoy large-group games and activities designed specifically for their age group. It's July 16 - 18 (Monday - Wednesday) at Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK. Growin' in Grace early bird registration price is \$172. After April 30, it's \$192. Please go online at okcamps.campbrainregistration.com to register. To qualify for a scholarship, you must register before April 30 and contact Susan Easttom by email (seasttom@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1036.

SonShine Camp

Is your child entering 1st or 2nd grade this fall? They can make new friends this summer while growing in their faith at SonShine Camp! Children and a parent of the same gender will spend the night in a cabin with bunk beds, swim, hike, play mini-golf, attend worship, and participate in small-group activities (such as crafts) at Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK on July 21 & 22. Early bird registration for children to attend SonShine Camp is available through April 30 for \$64. After that, it's \$84. Cost for adult shepherds is \$56. Please go online at okcamps.campbrainregistration.com to register. To qualify for a scholarship, you must register before April 30 and contact Susan Easttom by email (seasttom@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1036.

Youth Are Invited to Stump the Pastors

Have you ever had a tough "faith question" or just wanted to know something about the faith journey of one of our pastors? All 6th - 12th grade youth can get an answer to every question at an event called "Stump the Pastors!" Today, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Downtown Youth Room, our St. Luke's pastors will be here to answer YOUR questions! It's a fun way to explore your thoughts about faith and Christianity. There's no cost or sign up, and lunch is provided!

Youth Lunch Bunch

Youth Lunch Bunch is next week! All 6th - 12th grade youth come together after church and head out for lunch at a different restaurant each month. It's a great time to get connected in the church and make new friends. Bring a friend as well! If it's your first time with the Youth Lunch Bunch, we'll buy your meal! Meet up with the youth and youth staff after worship next Sunday, April 29, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring money for lunch. Restaurants are TBD. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.