

DREAMS & VISIONS

WHAT DOES GOD DESIRE FOR YOUR LIFE?

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
May 6, 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

The Seasons (Spring)
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 64

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Givens

Come together and hear the dreams God has for you.

We trust in the Lord our God.

Christ tells us to lay down our burdens;

we will pick up our cross and follow Him.

God has given us a vision for the future;

one full of joy and meaning.

God's desires for us

are fulfilled in following Him.

†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. Phil Greenwald

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Beau Nicholas Busey, son of Philip and Heather Busey, born on September 6, 2017.

BAPTISM SONG

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

ANTHEM

arr. Paul Sjolund

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Chancel Choir
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise in songs of joy and shout of praise: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

And we the holy Church unite, as evermore is just and right, in glory to the King of light.

O sons and daughters of the King, whom heavily host in glory sing, today the grave has lost its sting: Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

This I Believe (The Creed)

Cole Cloutier, *soloist*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Our Father everlasting the all creating One, God Almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One. I believe in the Resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life, forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One. I believe in the Resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church. I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again. For I believe, in the name of Jesus.

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†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. Wendy Lambert

And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Luke 9:23 - 35)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

If You Say "YES" It Will Change Your Life
From the Sermon Series: Dreams and Visions

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's Holy Church and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

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

SINE NOMINE

Go to the World

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia! Alleluia!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

God has given us a dream,
a vision for a better life.

Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow Him.

We commit our lives to Christ.

We celebrate God's vision for us
and choose a life with Him.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

We All Believe in One True God
Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

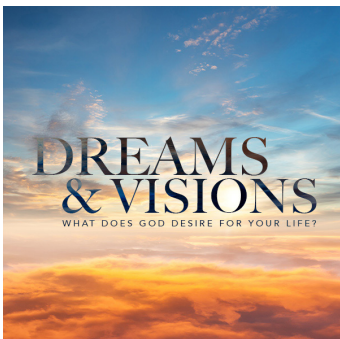
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Amy Givens
Director of Youth Ministry

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir
Cole Cloutier, Soloist



God gives us dreams for a new life, a new future. Are we willing to see a bigger reality for who we are called to be? Are we open to the possibilities for what we can do in life? We can make a difference. We can find joy and meaning. We can encourage others. Let us embrace the vision that God has for us.



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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 April:

Downtown: Matthew and Dayton Schaefer, Kenyatta Bethea and Starla Christman

Edmond: Jane and Blaine Smedley, Dorothy Kelly, Brandi and Don Bowers, Carla and Bill Shepherd

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.



VBS Volunteer and Registration

Want to help a child learn about Jesus while having fun? St. Luke's Downtown Campus needs volunteers to make this year's Vacation Bible School the best one yet! VBS 2018 - "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" - is for children from age 4 through 5th grade, (3-year-olds may attend with a parent/guardian) and will be held June 25 - 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Free childcare is available for volunteers with children age 3 and under. We need Crew Leaders (guide kids to different stations), Snack Helpers, Youth volunteers, Registration

volunteers, Set Building/Design volunteers, and Set Up/Tear Down volunteers. Register online to volunteer and for your child to attend VBS at stlukesokc.org.

Today is Membership Sunday

Have you thought about joining our family of faith? Stop by the Mansion today for Membership Sunday. A St. Luke's pastor will be in the Mansion Prayer Chapel, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 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.

Pet Ministry

Attention all pet lovers! We are hosting a Pet Ministry meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the Mansion Library. We will be learning about the incredible ministry of the Oklahoma City Pet Food Pantry and collecting donations for the organization. For details, email petministry@stlukesokc.org. Hope to see you then!

Rev. Josh Attaway to be Ordained

It's going to be a special night for the St. Luke's family of faith! You're invited to attend the Annual Conference Worship Service on Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. Rev. Josh Attaway - the Edmond Campus Pastor who grew up at St. Luke's - will be ordained during this service. Come see a special moment for Josh and congratulate him on his dedication to sharing Christ at St. Luke's!

Mobile Meals Needs Drivers

Looking for a way to share God's love? You can bring hope to the homebound, simply by delivering a meal that they're unable to prepare on their own. Drivers are needed for the Mobile Meals Ministry to help the hungry in our own community. We need regular drivers to deliver meals just one Saturday a month. If you can help, please contact Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org, or 609-1009.

Graduation Sunday

It's graduation time! St. Luke's is going to recognize everyone who has worked hard and is receiving their degree. Join us Sunday, May 20, as we celebrate high school and college graduates and their families in all worship services. There will be special bulletin inserts with photos as well. To recognize your graduate, sign up online at stlukesokc.org to submit photos and information by May 14. We will also have a special breakfast for high school graduates in the Youth Room! For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

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.

Growin' in Grace Camp

Your children can make new friends while growing in their faith at summer camp. It's for children entering 3rd through 5th grade this fall. 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 price is \$192. Please go online at okcamps.campbrainregistration.com to register.

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, 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 and 22. Cost for camp is \$84. Cost for adult shepherds is \$56. Please go online at okcamps.campbrainregistration.com to register.

Youth Service Day Today

All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to make a difference by taking part in Youth Service Day - today from noon to 3 p.m. We will complete a service project, enjoy games, and have a free lunch together! There's no cost to this event. Bring your friends!

Youth Summer Camps

Youth Summer Camps are almost here! There's a special camp for every grade level this year, beginning with "Disciple Camp" from June 1 - 5 (\$250) for students entering 6th through 9th grade. "Youth Force Ardmore" is June 17 - 22 (\$250) for students entering 7th grade through graduated seniors. "Dayspring" is July 5 - 9 (\$250) for students entering 9th grade through graduated seniors. We need adults to attend as well. For camp details and to register, visit stlukesokc.org. You can also email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Youth Summer Pass

Get access to all Youth activities this summer for one great price! The Youth Summer Pass includes:

- 1 week of Camp (Disciple, Youth Force, or Dayspring)
- Youth Launch (kickoff Sunday for all grades, May 20)
- Lunch Bunch Adventure meals (June 10, July 1)
- Youth Week activities (days of service projects and fun, July 22-25)
- OKC Dodgers Game (July 29)
- Discovery Weekend (2-night event at church, August 10-12)
- St. Yootz Day (August 18)

The \$350 cost is a \$100 savings! Any deposits for camp placed before June 1 may be applied to the Summer Pass total. Sign up by June 1 online (and make payments) at stlukesokc.org. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

Youth Launch

Don't miss out on the summer kickoff event for all of our youth! We will celebrate the start of summer and the launch of everyone up to the next grade level (including those moving up from 5th grade into the Youth ministry). On Sunday, May 20, from noon to 4 p.m., we're going to have a fun afternoon at Wheeler Park with food, games, and ferris wheel rides! The cost is \$20. Lunch is included and so is transportation to Wheeler Park. For details, email Amy Givens (Downtown Campus) at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.