

DREAMS & VISIONS

WHAT DOES GOD DESIRE FOR YOUR LIFE?

**First Sunday After Pentecost
Memorial Sunday
May 27, 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

Michael Souders

Thank You, Soldiers
St. Luke's Strings
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†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.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We draw near to God this morning
as God draws near to us.

We are called to remember the ways that God has loved us
through friends and family who have shaped our lives.

For those who have entered the kingdom eternal
we hold their memories dear.

We still grieve our loss
but give thanks for the time that we had with them.

Today we remember all the ones whose voices we long to hear once more;
the ones whose memory is a part of our daily lives.

God worked through them to shape us
and give us dreams and hope for tomorrow.

†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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ENSURED OUR FREEDOM

Today is a day of remembrance. We are not bound by the grief of our past, but rather celebrate the lives that blessed us. Here and now we can still hear the voices of those long gone. We believe God spoke to us through their lives.

Their words can give us joy today. Remember the ones who gave their lives in service of our country. Their gifts continue to bless us today.

We believe we have been blessed.

We know the gift of freedom that was passed down through the ages is one we continue to enjoy today. Believe that you have been blessed.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REFLECTION

Michel Korb

Highland Cathedral
Sam Hall, *bagpipes*
Robert Fasol, *organist*

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

We have come today to remember the ones from our family of faith who have entered into life eternal. They are the ones who built this sanctuary, taught our classes, and served in mission. Be grateful for their gifts that continue to bless us today.

We believe we have been blessed.

We know God has loved us through their lives.

We have known God's grace by their service.

We remember and give thanks.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Robert E. Long

Carolyn Abernathy	Patsy Flowers	Virginia Mullikin
Clayton Anderson	Jim Funnell	Majorie Olson
June Blumhof	Tom Galloway	Joyce Peterson
Willodean Bohanan	Mona Grady	Cecil Pirrong
Mary Alice Brackin	Mary Hamilton	Corinna Powell
Russal Brawley	Christopher Hampton	Dale Reneau
Eugene Brown	Tom Harrah	Barry Roth
Marilyn Brown	Margaret Harris	Elizabeth Russell
Fred Bucklin	Larry Killebrew	Ina Mae Schlegel
Judy Cadamy	Audie Lewis	Elizabeth Sinclair
Alvin Cobb	Dan Loeffler	Jeanette Willet
Rae David	Larry McCauley	Patricia Blaine-Wright
Stan Evans	Jim McKillen	

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REFLECTION

Joseph H. Jennings

Calling My Children Home
Cantate Chamber Choir and Strings
Robert Fasol, *conductor*

Those lives were mine to love and cherish, to guard and guide along life's way. Oh, God forbid that one should perish, that one alas should go astray. Back in the years with all together, around the place we'd romp and play. So lonely now, I often wonder, oh, will they come back home someday?

*I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away.
Oh, may they hear my calling and come back home someday.*

I gave my all for my dear children, their problems still with love I share. I'd brave life's storms, defy the tempest to bring them home from anywhere. I lived my life, my love I gave them, to guide them through this world of strife. I hope and pray we'll live together in that great glad here after life.

*I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away.
Oh, may they hear my calling, calling, and come back home someday.
I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away.
Oh, may they hear my calling, and come back home someday.*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Philip W.J. Stopford

O How Glorious Is the Kingdom
Chancel Choir and Strings
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice in Christ. O how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ.

Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. They follow the Lamb, they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. They follow the Lamb, they follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth.

O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. O how glorious is the Kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ. O how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, how glorious, O how glorious!

†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 EPISTLE

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. (Hebrews 12:1 - 3)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Do Not Grow Weary and Lose Heart
From the Sermon Series: Dreams and Visions

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR OWN LIVES

Today is a time to remember those in our lives who have helped to make us who we are. While we will continue to grieve their loss, we can be grateful for the time we were able to have with them. They were a gift from God for us and we look forward to the day we can be reunited in the kingdom eternal.

We are grateful for the time we had to share with them.

We believe we have been blessed.

Remember the ones you miss, the ones who brought joy in your life, the ones you long to see again. They were a gift from God and we are grateful for the time we had.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

During this time, you will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

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

Give Thanks for Life

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time, or death or dread, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness, does its life retain in resurrection to grow green again. Alleluia! Alleluia!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We give thanks for those we love but see no more;

their lives made a difference upon ours.

The way they lived made an impact and we will follow their example

to share God's love and bring hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation: When the Saints

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

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir

Cantate Chamber Choir

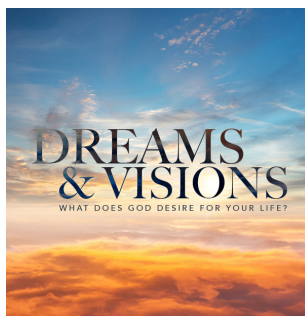
St. Luke's Strings

Laura Cunningham, Luke Reese, Brian Bakeman, Jose Batty, *Violin*

Rob Bradshaw, *Cello*

Jeremiah Rupp, *Bass*

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 Registration

Your child will learn about Jesus while having fun at VBS! This year's Vacation Bible School - "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" - is for children from age 4 through 5th grade, and will be held June 25-28 from 9 a.m. to noon. The kids will venture onto an uncharted island where they survive and thrive. This program will anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. There's no cost, but a \$10 donation is suggested for a VBS t-shirt at the door. Register your child online at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

VBS Decorating Nights

Want to bring joy to hundreds of children while having fun? We need volunteers to work on set pieces and other projects for Vacation Bible School for both our Downtown and Edmond Campuses. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Join us Wednesday, June 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. and Wednesday, June 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Room 210. Please register online at stlukesokc.org/vbs. and check Decorations Team.

Annual Conference Worship Service

You're invited to attend the Annual Conference Worship Service on Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. You can enjoy a pre-concert at 6:30, featuring the combined choirs of the Downtown and Edmond Campuses. Rev. Josh Attaway - our 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!

For All To Hear- Edmond Bell Project

You have an opportunity to help tie the Downtown and Edmond Campuses together and be a part of history through the Edmond Bell Project called "For All To Hear." A massive 6-foot tall bell, made by the same Dutch bell company that designed the Downtown Carrillon Bells, is available for St. Luke's to purchase and install at the Edmond Campus. It would ring for services, weddings, funerals, graduations, and other important moments. We can have up to 200 names inscribed on the outside of the bell. You can have your name on it, or honor someone else with their name, by making a tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 or more. More information and order forms are available at the Welcome Center or online at stlukesokc.org/thebell.

Dessert with Bob

Get to know Dr. Bob Long while learning about the 129-year history of St. Luke's! You're invited to Dessert with Bob on Sunday, June 10, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Hear the story of Bob and Marsha's inspiring faith journey while enjoying a Sunday afternoon dessert. Bob will share our vision for the future of St. Luke's, discuss what it means to become a member, and take questions from attendees. He will also offer a private joining ceremony at the end of the program. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

The new Memorial Wall is located in the St. Luke's Columbarium and Memorial Garden, directly east of the Sanctuary. This granite wall has spaces for 500 bronze plaques which may be purchased and engraved with the names of one or two loved ones. It is a beautiful and sacred space to remember and honor people who are buried in other locations. More information on the Memorial Wall can be found online at stlukesokc.org/give. You can place your order online or by contacting Roxanne Lloyd, 609-1019 or rlloyd@stlukesokc.org.

Children's Summer Camps

Summer Camp is a great way to share God's love and grow in faith. It's also tons of fun! Your child will make new friends while enjoying swimming, hiking, games, crafts, and small group time. Sonshine Camp is for 1st and 2nd Graders, July 21 and 22. "Growin' In Grace" Camp is for 3rd to 5th Graders. It's July 16 - 18 (Monday - Wednesday). Parents of 1st and 2nd graders are encouraged to accompany their children. Please go online at okcamps.campbrainregistration.com to register.

Canvas and Tunes - Summer Camp

Parents - there is still time to register your children 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. For more information contact Gabrielle Moon - gmoon@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2210.

Youth Summer Pass

Don't forget that June 1 is the deadline to sign up to 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 26-29) • 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 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.