



THINK ON THESE THINGS

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 16, 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

John Behnke

Praise and Thanksgiving
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 89

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Draw near to God:

God's mercy is everlasting.

Be mindful of all people.

We will support and encourage one another.

When you have disagreements

we will find common ground in God's love.

In the midst of conflict, pursue reconciliation.

We trust in the grace of God to guide us.

†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. Wendy Lambert

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

Rebecca Rose Hand, daughter of Richard and Bonnie Hand, born on March 11, 2018.

BAPTISM SONG

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

†HYMN 277

STORIES OF JESUS

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee, and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Karen Bach, Shannon Diane Bach, Nancy Walker Bell, Buddy (H P) Butler, Mary Sue Clyne, Robert Carroll Davis, Jayne Drummond, Greta Jean Emanuel, Kenneth E. (K.E.) Garrison, Carolyn Graham, Robert A. Graham, Becky Diane Hamlin, David James Harris, Sammie Ruth Harris, Kim Doug (Doug) Hope, Francis L. (Francis) Johnson, Susan Kerlin, Michael Lasley McMillan, Patricia (Pat) Morton, Nancy Marie Russell, Susie Viele, Ronald (RC) Young

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Dr. Robert E. Long
Susan Easttom

Rylan Jack Buss
Aaron J. Clark
Isaac J. Clark
Raegan Ferris
Carter Edward Graham
Olivia Michelle Long
Samuel Mason

Olivia Claire Mildren
Ian Daniel Morris
Louisa Anne Nichols
Susie Shelley
Suzanne Hazel Stanek
Harper Mattie Stellman
Max Anderson White

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Mark Hayes

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
 Chancel Choir and Orchestra
 Robert Fasol, *piano*
 Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*O praise the Lord! O praise the Lord. All glory, laud and honor be unto the King!
 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored,
 forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress. Praise Him, still the
 same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His
 faithfulness.*

*For the word of the Lord is right and true. He is faithful in all He does. The Lord loves
 righteousness and justice. We hope in His steadfast love. We wait in hope for the Lord.
 He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice for we trust in His holy name.
 May Your steadfast love and faithfulness be upon us as we put our hope in You.*

*Angels in the height, adore Him. Ye behold Him face to face. Saints triumphant, bow
 before Him, gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of
 grace. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!*

†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 EPISTLE

Susan Easttom

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. And I ask you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:2-9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Agreeing in the Lord
 From the Sermon Series: Think on These Things

MUSICAL REFLECTION

S. Mack/W. Hector/D. Black

It's the Heart That Matters Most
 Jordan Knapick, *soloist*
 String Ensemble
 Robert Fasol, *piano*
 Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*Time to spread some hope, make the spirits rise. Do you see the wonder in their eyes?
 Time to speak of love, hold each other close, 'cause it's the heart that matters most.*

*It's still the same old moon. Why does it shine so bright? There's a little magic in
 the air tonight. Time to speak of love, hold each other close, 'cause it's the heart that
 matters most. Always the heart that matters most.*

*Oh, take a look around, you can see that it's true. It's like a river overflowing inside of
 you. Everyone needs love, you need it too. So here's what you have got to do.*

Spread a little hope, make the spirits rise. Do you see the wonder in their eyes? It's time to speak of love, hold each other close, 'cause it's the heart that matters most. In time we come to learn that it's the heart that matters most.

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

ST. DENIO

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth

"I'm coming to gather all peoples of earth, from various cultures and places of birth, to show in their languages, customs, and lands a holy diversity formed by My hands.

For I know their work turning thoughts into deeds; compassionate actions surpassing their creeds reveal a humanity caring and true. All peoples I gather, My world to renew."

We're coming together, all peoples of earth, to find in our gathering welcome and worth, to witness the glory of God in this place: Divinity shining in each human face.

O Spirit of Pentecost, vibrant and free, surprise and surround us, unite us to be one people of earth who respond to Your call to go, as we've gathered, with Good News for all!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Seek out reconciliation;

strive for peace and understanding.

Follow the example of Christ

who wasn't afraid to reach out to people of different backgrounds and beliefs.

Fulfill your calling to share God's love

and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

L. van Beethoven

Festival Improvisation: Ode to Joy

Robert Fasol, *organist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Susan Easttom

Director of Family Ministries

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Jordan Knapick, Soloist

The lack of civility in our world continues to grow and it's easy to become consumed by the disagreements and cynicism we see in the world. There is a better way to live. God tells us to think on the things that are true, honorable, just, and pure. Let us put aside our differences and "think on these things."

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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 August

Downtown: Daniel and Amanda Page, William Cathey, Michael James, Allan Glenn, Tina Parkinson and Rose Sailer, Alicia Ann Menz, Ricardo Martinez, Morgan Upton, Brian and Nicole Harris, Matt and Drue Diesselhorst

Edmond: Linda Furukawa, Cindy Adams, Nancy Weaver, Aaron and Kerri Bayer, Lindsey Burgess, Susie Zin, Vernon and Sherry Ficken



Date _____

Worship Service: 8:30 9:40 10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

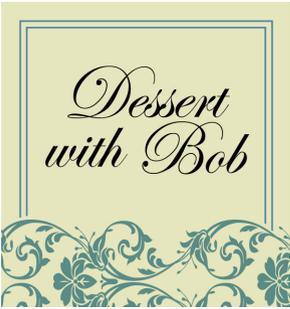
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- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

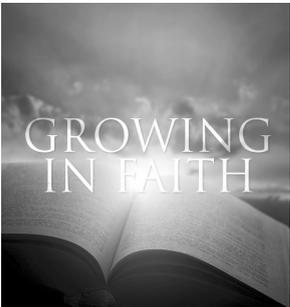
Announcements

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



Dessert With Bob

You're invited to hear the inspiring story of Dr. Long's faith journey while enjoying dessert. Join us for "Dessert With Bob" next Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Dr. Long will share the history of St. Luke's, our vision for the future, and lots of fun stories with plenty of time to answer questions. You will also learn what it means to become a member of St. Luke's. There will be a private joining ceremony available at the end of the program. Childcare is provided. To RSVP, please email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.



Wednesday Night Alive

WNA kicked off with great classes and a good meal! Class registration is still open with a variety of amazing classes for everyone - children, youth, and adults. The menu for the next WNA is baked chicken, vegetable medley, baby baker potatoes, rolls, cookies and cream frozen yogurt. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes start at 6:30 p.m. More information about classes and sign up is online at stlukesokc.org.



Like to Sing?

The Choir is looking for new members! Find out what it's like to sing at St. Luke's during a special "Meet the Choir" reception today after the 10:50 Traditional Service. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can always contact our Organist/Choirmaster, Robert Fasol, by email at rfasol@stlukesokc.org.

Join the Bell Choir

The St. Luke's handbell choir is in need of new members. Rehearsals are Wednesday night from 7:45 - 8:45 p.m. in Room B124. Please contact Cynthia Adair if you are interested at opatmom50@cox.net.

Infant Safe Sleep Classes

September is Baby Safety Awareness Month! St. Luke's Children's Center is hosting two Infant Safe Sleep Classes, presented by Rainbow Fleet Resource and Referral and Alli Dodd of Shepard's Watch. The class is free to all and will be at both Downtown and Edmond Campuses. On September 18: St. Luke's Downtown Campus Sanctuary from 6 - 8 p.m. On September 25: St. Luke's Edmond Worship Center from 6 - 8 p.m. Please join us!

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

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Piano Illusions

Treat yourself and your family to a fun night of musical entertainment! Dr. Igor Lipinski, a new OU piano professor, from Poland, will perform a unique concert combining classical music and sleight-of-hand magic. The concert is Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. at the Edmond Campus. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at stlukesokc.org/tickets. Children 5 and under are free. Invite your friends for a fun family evening of piano and magic.

Pet Blessing

St. Luke's Pet Ministry invites you to attend our "Pet Blessing" - Sunday, September 30, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the St. Luke's Mansion Gardens (201 NW 14th Street). You are welcome to bring your pet (on a leash or in a carrier) to the Gardens outside the Mansion. Pets will be prayed over by a pastor and you will receive a special certificate and photo following the event.

Sign up for auditions for the Children's Christmas Musical

It's almost time to audition for the St. Luke's Children's Christmas Musical! All 1st through 5th graders are invited to audition on Sunday, October 7 (12 - 1 p.m.) or Sunday, October 14 (12-1 p.m.) in Room 211. There's no cost. Please prepare a short song to sing with accompaniment track or a capella. Register online at stlukesokc.org and check-in at Room 211 five minutes before your scheduled time. For details, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Youth Metro Worship Today

Make new friends and enjoy worship with other youth groups from around the area! "Youth Metro Worship" will take place this evening from 5:15-8 p.m. at St. Luke's Downtown Campus. This is a free event designed for all 6th-12th grade students (dinner not available). For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

Youth Service Day

The St. Luke's Youth Ministry takes our commitment to serving the community seriously, and so we couldn't be more excited to participate in September Youth Service Day! All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us next Sunday, September 23, from 12 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

