



THINK ON THESE THINGS

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 2, 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

arr. Schmidt/Nelson

Amazing Grace
Rob Bradshaw, *cello*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 160

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keith King

Come before the Lord and find peace;

in the midst of the turbulence, God provides shelter.

When we center our hearts and minds on the things of God,

we are transformed.

When we live with minds transformed,

the world can be changed.

And so, brothers and sisters, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think on these things.

We will put them into practice and know that the God of peace is with us.

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. Keith King

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

†HYMN 402

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

ANTHEM

Stuart K. Hine
arr. Mary McDonald

Then Sings My Soul
St. Luke's Women's Ensemble
Rob Bradshaw, cello
Robert Fasol, piano

O Lord, my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art! How great Thou art! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. David Poteet

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

arr. Schmidt/Nelson

In Awesome Wonder
Rob Bradshaw, *cello*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

†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

Rev. Dale Wood

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 4:4-9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Think on These Things
From the Sermon Series: Think on These Things

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Rob Gardner

My Kindness Shall Not Depart From Thee
Jenna Mazzoccoli, *soloist*
Connor McLauri, *soloist*
Rob Bradshaw, *cello*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

For a little while have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment. But with everlasting kindness will I gather thee, and with mercy will I take thee 'neath My wings, for the mountains depart and the hills shall be removed and the valleys shall be lost beneath the sea. But know, my child, My kindness shall not depart from thee!

Though thine afflictions seem at times too great to bear, I know thine ev'ry thought and ev'ry care. And though the very jaws of hell gape after thee, I am with thee. And with everlasting mercy will I succor thee, and with healing will I take thee 'neath My wings, though the mountains shall depart and the hills shall be removed and the valleys shall be lost beneath the sea. Know, My child, My kindness shall not depart from thee!

How long can rolling waters remain impure? What pow'r shall stay the hand of God? The Son of Man hath descended below all things. Art thou greater than He? So hold on thy way, for I shall be with thee. And Mine angels shall encircle thee.

(continued on reverse side)

Doubt not what thou knowest, fear not man, for he cannot hurt thee. But with everlasting kindness will I gather thee, and with mercy will I take thee 'neath my wings.

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed and the valleys shall be lost beneath the sea, but know My child, My kindness shall not depart from thee! My kindness shall not depart from thee!

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

BEACH SPRING

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You; plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do. Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the broken hearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side; equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or women, young or old; help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife; seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Center your hearts and minds on the things of God;

we will think on these things.

Whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy,

we will think on these things.

And then what we have seen in Christ, we will put into practice.

We will share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel

The Rejoicing

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Keith King

Online Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Dale Wood

Retired Clergy

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

St. Luke's Women's Ensemble

Jenna Mazzoccoli, Soloist

Connor McLaury, Soloist

Rob Bradshaw, Cello

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 _____

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.



Studio 222 Celebrates 15 Years!

You're invited to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Studio 222! This amazing after-school program will begin the year by reconnecting all our students, volunteers, and supporters with a reunion Thursday, September 6, in the Christian Life Center (CLC) at the Downtown Campus from 6:30 - 9 p.m. This is for anyone who has ever been a part of Studio 222, or anyone who would like to be a part of this program, which helps OKC students gain confidence and express themselves through art. Please RSVP to Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1009.

Wednesday Night Alive

St. Luke's "Wednesday Night Alive" is coming back! The 2018 Fall semester of WNA offers a variety of amazing classes for everyone - children, youth, and adults. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes start on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Pick up your Wednesday Night Alive information booklet today at the Welcome Centers for detailed information on each of the class offerings or go online to stlukesokc.org/wna for class details and to register.

Grandparents Day Is Next Sunday

St. Luke's is recognizing and honoring grandparents! We are incredibly grateful for the grandparents that God has placed in this church. Their testimony of God's faithfulness is encouraging not only to their own families, but to this entire family of faith as well. Grandparents, may God bless you as you influence your children's children, and pass along your legacy in Christ. Whether your grandchildren are near or far, may you always have a special place in their lives.

Home Point Is Open!

What's the best way to build your faith between Sundays? It starts at home, or maybe it starts at "Home Point," a new information center at St. Luke's. located in the Narthex, the Children's Hallway, and the Fellowship Hall. Home Point is a center full of information with helpful advice on marriage, parenting, adoption, military deployment, addiction, aging, faith development, and so much more. You are invited to stop by Home Point, pick up materials, take them home, and use the information to grow and continue your faith journey.

Third Grade Bible

Remember getting your very own Bible as a child? It gives children a spiritual foundation that lasts a lifetime. Parents - make Sunday, September 16, an unforgettable day by registering your student to receive a personalized Bible during worship services. This moment is open to families with children in 3rd grade - but families with children in 4th or 5th grade who did not receive a Bible in 3rd grade are also welcome to participate. Please sign up your child by Sunday, September 9, by emailing Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org with your child's name and the service they will be attending.

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.

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Disciple Bible Study

What would it mean to really live your life as a disciple of Christ? You don't have to be a church member, nor do you have to be a Biblical expert to expand your knowledge and grow deeper in your faith. These small group Bible studies offer an opportunity for both learning and lasting friendships. Disciple 1 and Disciple 4 will be offered on Monday evenings at the Downtown Campus starting September 10. Disciple 1 Fast-track and Disciple 3 Fast-track are being offered this year at the Edmond Campus on Tuesday evenings with classes starting the week of September 11. There are informational booklets and registration forms at the Welcome Centers, or you can sign up online at stlukesokc.org/disciple.

Bible Boot Camp

Send your children to Bible Boot Camp on Sunday, September 16, from 12 - 2 p.m. in Room 210. Kids will learn how to use their Bible and enjoy a pizza lunch, free! This is open to children in 3rd through 5th grade. Please register by September 12 online at stlukesokc.org. For details, contact Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1036.

Driver Needed for Mobile Meals

If you can drive a car, you can Share God's Love by sharing a meal. Our Mobile Meals ministry is in need of a driver to deliver meals - just one Saturday a month. Mobile Meals prepares and delivers 100 meals each Saturday morning for the homebound and the elderly. We operate seven driving routes in southwest and northwest Oklahoma City. If you can bless lives in this way, please email Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1009.

Learn to Play the Guitar

Ever wanted to play the guitar? You can learn to play this incredible instrument at St. Luke's Downtown Campus! Sign up for Monday evening guitar classes, starting September 10 in Room B100. Middle School students will be taught from 4-5 p.m. High School and Adult lessons are from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Jon Curtis will be teaching. He's the lead guitar in the LifeLight band with degrees from OU and OCU! The lessons end November 12. The cost is \$150 for this ten-week course. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org. You can also email Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341 for details.

Youth Disciple Bible Study

High School Youth are invited to be part of Disciple Bible Study a 24-week study that will look at both the Old and the New Testament while helping each participant apply God's Word to their daily lives. This class starts September 9 at 8:15 a.m. in the Youth Room (Room 217). If you can't make the first session, please contact Amy at agivens@stlukesokc.org or 609-1027.

Youth Lunch Bunch

Next Sunday, the Youth Lunch Bunch will get together for a fun afternoon. Right after church on September 9, we'll head out for lunch together at a local restaurant. This is a great time to get connected or to bring a friend! If it's your first time with the group, we'll treat you to lunch! This event is from 12-2:30 p.m. for all 6th-12th grade youth. Don't forget to bring money for food! For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.