



THINK ON THESE THINGS

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 23, 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

Jean Langlais

Chant de paix (Song of Peace)
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 547

ELLACOMBE

O Church of God, United

O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon His saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of Thee; and in Thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of Thy redeeming name.

May Thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in Thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Draw near to God as God draws near to you.

We've come seeking mercy and peace.

Christ came to set us free:

from worry and fear,

from bitterness and rage,

from despair and apathy.

Jesus can bring harmony to the turmoil we feel.

We welcome His peace that goes beyond our understanding.

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've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul, like a fountain, like an ocean, like a river 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

†HYMN

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

We Are People of God's Peace

We are people of God's peace as a new creation. Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration. Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another, a new covenant of peace binds us all together.

We are children of God's peace in this new creation, spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation. Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living. Peace with everyone we seek, gratefully are giving.

We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation. Choosing peace, we faithfully serve with heart's devotion. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, confidence will give us. Christ the Lord is our defense; Christ will never leave us.

ANTHEM

arr. Tim Osiek

Like a River in My Soul

Chancel Choir

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. In my soul, in my soul. My soul, in my soul.

I've got joy, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river, in my soul, like a fountain, like an ocean, like a river in my soul.

OFFERTORY

Fred Rogers

The Peace Song
 Rachel Barnard, *soloist*
 Robert Fasol, *piano*

Peace and quiet, peace, peace, peace. Peace and quiet, peace, peace, peace. Peace and quiet, peace, peace, peace. We all want peace. We all want peace.

What do you do with the mad that you feel when you feel so mad you could bite? When the whole world seems oh, so wrong and nothing you do seems very right? What do you do? Do you punch a bag? Do you pound some clay or some dough? Do you round up friends for a game of tag? Or see how fast you go?

It's great to be able to stop when you've planned a thing that's wrong, and be able to do something else instead and think this song: I can stop when I want to, can stop when I wish, can stop, stop, stop anytime. And what a good feeling to feel like this, and know that the feeling is really mine. Know that there's something deep inside that helps us become what we can. For we all can be peaceful and loving, and we all can be children of God.

†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. Wendy Lambert

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

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Peace Which Passes All Understanding
 From the Sermon Series: Think on These Things

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Peter Scholtes

We Will Walk in Peace
 Carolyn Taylor and Linda Woody, *soloists*
 Robert Fasol, *piano*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love: yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk in peace. We will walk with each other; we will walk in peace. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love: yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work in peace. We will work with each other; we will work in peace. And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love: yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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 431

WORLD PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We follow Christ out into the world
carrying the peace that He brings.
We commit to share His mercy and love
to a world in need of harmony.
We will fulfill our mission
to share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

Jean Langlais

Chant de joie (Song of Joy)
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
Chancel Choir
Rachel Barnard, Soloist
Carolyn Taylor, Soloist
Linda Woody, Soloist

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:
Given in memory of Gabe Martin, Spence Newell, and Kim Smith
by the Circles Class



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 _____

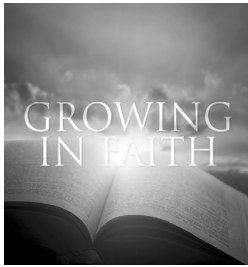
- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

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Announcements

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



Wednesday Night Alive

It's not too late to join your Family of Faith on Wednesday evenings at Wednesday Night Alive! The menu for the next WNA is fried chicken, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls, brownies, strawberry 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 is online at stlukesokc.org.



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.



Fall Festival of Treats

We need "Trunks" for the Fall Festival of Treats! Can you decorate your car in a Halloween theme and hand out candy to "trunk-or-treaters" from your trunk? You will bring so much joy to children as they travel from trunk to trunk in St. Luke's south parking lot on **Sunday, October 28**. We'll also have inflatables for the kids and free hot dogs! Trunk or Treating is from 5 - 6:30 p.m., followed by the Spooky Organ Concert at 6:45. If you can provide a trunk, please email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Dessert With Bob Today

You're invited to hear the inspiring story of Dr. Long's faith journey while enjoying dessert. Join us for "Dessert With Bob" today 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.

Threefold Is Showing Off for Fall!

Stop in at Threefold this morning and you'll see lots of new things - fall sweaters and scarves, jewelry, candles that smell like fall, inspirational gifts, and fall decor for your home or office. WNA study books are in stock and ready for you to take home. You can also pick up the books that Bob and Wendy are featuring in their WNA study. Stop by for a Starbucks coffee or other treat while you shop. All sales go to support missions at St. Luke's.

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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Infant Safe Sleep Class

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

Parent's Night Out

Parents, enjoy a night out on the town while your children have a great time with friends at church. Friday, October 5, is Parent's Night Out at the Downtown Campus. Kids will eat pizza and watch movies from 6 - 8:30 p.m. This childcare event is free for infants through 5th grade. Register online at stlukesokc.org.

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 evening of piano and magic.

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 five minutes before your scheduled time. For details, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Youth Service Day

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to join us today after church from 12 - 2:30 p.m. to serve the community and participate in September Youth Service Day! Lunch will be provided.

Corn Maze Adventure for the Youth

Fall is officially here! So let's kick off the season with a fun trip to one of the biggest and best corn mazes in Oklahoma! Join us next Sunday, September 30, for the 2018 Youth Corn Maze Adventure at P B Farms in Hydro. We'll head out after Sunday School at 11 a.m. and will be back to the church by 4 p.m. This is for all 6th - 12th grade youth. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

