



THINK ON THESE THINGS

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Grandparent's Day
September 9, 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. Dan Miller

In the Garden
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 715

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take His servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Come before the Lord with joy and gladness;

we celebrate God's love and grace.

Practice gentleness in all you say and do,

Christ has shown us how to live a life of kindness and strength.

In all you do, express gratitude;

we give thanks to God for the love we've been shown.

When we live lives full of gentleness, gratitude, and joy, God can work through us to bring transformation.

We commit our lives to share God's love to bring hope to the world!

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

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 314

GARDEN

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling, but He bids me go; thru the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

ANTHEM

arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou Fount
Chancel Choir and Brass
Robert Fasol, organist
Eric Bradford, conductor

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. Seal it for Thy courts above.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Jewel Kilcher / Patrick Leonard

Hands

Cami Benton, soloist

Robert Fasol, piano

If I could tell the world just one thing, it would be that we're all okay. And not to worry, 'cause worry is wasteful and useless in times like these. I won't be made useless. I won't be idle with despair. I will gather myself around my faith, for light does the darkness most fear.

My hands are small, I know. But they're not yours, they are my own. But they're not yours, they are my own. And I am never broken.

We'll fight not out of spite, for someone must stand up for what's right. 'Cause where there's a man who has no voice, there ours shall go on singing.

My hands are small, I know. But they're not yours, they are my own. But they're not yours, they are my own. And I am never broken.

In the end, only kindness matters. In the end, only kindness matters.

I will get down on my knees and I will pray. I will get down on my knees and I will pray. I will get down on my knees and I will pray.

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My hands are small, I know. But they're not yours, they are my own. But they're not yours, they are my own. And I am never broken. We are never broken.

We are God's eyes, God's hands, God's heart. We are God's eyes, God's hands, God's heart.

†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. David Poteet

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

Let Your Gentleness, Gratitude and Joy Be Known
From the Sermon Series: Think on These Things

*Grandparent's Day (Generations)*Robert Fasol, *piano*

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

FAITHFULNESS

Go Out in Joy

"Go out in joy" sounds the word of the prophet, calling believers to jubilant life; sojourning pilgrims, we follow this summons, offering hope to a world marred by strife. Go forth in joyfulness, go forth in joyfulness! Every day brings us new ways to share joy. All we have needed, God's strength will provide us. Go out in gratefulness, go forth in joy.

Joy for the journey of faith and commitment, joy in the service we render each day, joy in relationships with all Your children, Giver of joy, for these blessings we pray. Go forth in joyfulness, go forth in joyfulness! Every day brings us new ways to share joy. All we have needed, God's strength will provide us. Go out in gratefulness, go forth in joy.

God of the journey, we ask for Your presence guiding our work, as our gifts we employ for the fulfillment of Christ's great commission; singing Your praises, we go out in joy. Go forth in joyfulness, go forth in joyfulness! Every day brings us new ways to share joy. All we have needed, God's strength will provide us. Go out in gratefulness, go forth in joy.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We've known times of success and times of failure

we give thanks to God for being with us in all moments.

No matter the circumstances, we can find joy and express gratitude.

Christ has shown us how to live a meaningful life!

POSTLUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Praise the Lord

St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

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 Potteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

*Musicians***Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster****Chancel Choir and Brass****Eric Bradford, Conductor****Cami Benton, 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

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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.



Grandparents Day Is Today!

St. Luke's is recognizing and honoring grandparents! All grandparents are invited to pick up a special gift at one of the new Home Point centers! 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.

Wednesday Night Alive

Have you registered for your WNA class yet? The 2018 Fall semester begins on Wednesday and offers a variety of amazing classes for everyone - children, youth, and adults. You can register online by using the registration form in your bulletin or at stlukesokc.org/wna. WNA Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). The dinner menu for opening night is beef or chicken tacos, Spanish rice, beans, chips and salsa, root beer floats. Classes start 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.

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.

Third Grade Bible

Remember getting your very own Bible as a child? It gives children a spiritual foundation that lasts a lifetime. Parents - make next 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 today, by emailing Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org with your child's name and the service they will be attending.

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

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" on 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.

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.

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.

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. Classes started this morning at 8:15 a.m. If you would like to join this class contact Amy at agivens@stlukesokc.org or 609-1027.

Youth Metro Worship Next Sunday

Make new friends and enjoy worship with other youth groups from around the area! "Youth Metro Worship" will take place Sunday, September 16 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).

Youth Lunch Bunch

Today the Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together for a fun afternoon! Right after church, 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!