



THINK ON THESE THINGS

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 30, 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

Jason Michael Webb

Grace

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 127

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We gather to worship the Lord of Light
and ask for guidance in our lives.

Give us vision for opportunities;
ways that we follow You in what we do.

Focus our thoughts on things that matter:
whatever is just and pure,
whatever is lovely and gracious,
anything that is excellent and worthy of praise.

Guide our thoughts;
help us to think on these things.

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 story all the day long! Filling the world with salvation's song!
Glorious freedom, wonderful peace! To God be the glory!*

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

DUKE STREET

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by Your grace. God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere. Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for power that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise. Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread, where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Nick Robertson

Blessed Assurance (This Is My Story)

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long! This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His spirit, washed in His blood!

This is my story all the day long! Filling the world with salvation's song! Glorious freedom, wonderful peace! To God be the glory, this is my story!

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story all the day long! Filling the world with salvation's song! Glorious freedom, wonderful peace! To God be the glory! This is my story, this is my song!

Praising my Savior all the day long! This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long!

This is my story all the day long! Filling the world with salvation's song! Glorious freedom, wonderful peace!

To God be the glory! This is my story all the day long! Filling the world with salvation's song! Glorious freedom, wonderful peace!

To God be the glory, this is my story! To God be the glory, this is my story! This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long! This is my story, this is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long! This is my story!

†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

Think on These Things

From the Sermon Series: Think on These Things

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Jenn Johnson/Paul McClure

For the One

Jenna Mazzoccoli, *soloist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Let me be filled with kindness and compassion for the one, the one for whom You loved and gave Your Son, for humanity increase my love.

So help us to love with open arms like You do, a love that erases all the lines and sees the truth. Oh that when they look in our eyes they would see You. Even in just a smile they would feel the Father's love.

Oh how You love us, from the homeless to the famous and in between. You formed us, You made us carefully, 'cause in the end, we're all Your children.

So help us to love with open arms like You do, a love that erases all the lines and sees the truth. Oh that when they look in our eyes they would see You. Even in just a smile they would feel the Father's love.

Let all my life tell of who You are, and the wonder of Your never-ending love. Let all my life tell of who you are, You're wonderful and such a good Father.

So help us to love with open arms like You do, a love that erases all the lines and sees the truth. Oh that when they look in our eyes they would see You. Even in just a smile they would feel the Father's 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

AZMON

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

Come teach us, Spirit of our God, the language of Your way, the lessons that we need to live, the faith for every day.

Excite our minds to follow you, to trace new truths in store, new flight paths for our spirit space, new marvels to explore.

Inspire our spark to light from You, to catch creation's flair, new artistry to celebrate, new harmonies to dare.

Delight our hearts to worship You, to learn compassion's code, to live in context of Your love, Great Teacher who is God!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We will focus our thoughts on things that matter:

whatever is just and pure,
whatever is lovely and gracious,
and anything that is excellent and worthy of praise.

We will follow God

and think on these things.

POSTLUDE

Fred Pratt Green

Grand Fantasia: Engelberg
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist*
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

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Jenna Mazzoccoli, Soloist
Eric Bradford, Conductor

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:
Given in honor of Bette Raulie by her daughter, Darrelyn Hoffman

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.



El Sistema Oklahoma Fall Concert Series

You're invited to celebrate the transformation of young lives as they make beautiful music this week! The El Sistema Oklahoma Fall Concert Series is hosting a concert on Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Myriad Gardens Great Lawn. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to hear the Orquesta Esperanza, Orquesta Alegria, and the Banda Promesa celebrate our first quarter theme "The Art of Possibilities." Then on Friday, October 5, at 6 p.m. at the

Wanda L. Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University, come celebrate the very first public performance of our newest students, the Orquesta Nueva. Both are free and open to the public.



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.



Piano Illusions

Treat yourself and your family to a fun night of musical entertainment! On October 14 at 6 p.m. in the St. Luke's Edmond Worship Center, Dr. Igor Lipinski will be performing a Piano Illusions concert. Dr. Lipinski, who is a new OU piano professor from Poland, will perform a unique concert combining classical music and sleight-of-hand magic. Childcare is available for this event. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at stlukesokc.org/tickets. Children 5 and under are free.



Pet Blessing Today

St. Luke's Pet Ministry invites you to attend our "Pet Blessing" 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 minister and you will receive a special certificate and photo following the event.

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.

Wednesday Night Alive

WNA is going strong - come and join your Family of Faith on Wednesday evenings! The menu for the next WNA is pork loin, chicken tenders, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and cookies. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). If you can't get to church on Wednesday night, you can watch Bob and Wendy's class - "What It Means to Be Methodist" live streamed online on Wednesday evening or anytime during the week at stlukesokc.org/WNA. Classes start at 6:30 p.m.

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 next 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.

Driver Needed for Mobile Meals

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 232-1371.

Today Is the Day for the Corn Maze Adventure

The Youth are kicking off the fall season with a fun trip to one of the biggest and best corn mazes in Oklahoma! Youth, join us today for the 2018 Youth Corn Maze Adventure at PB 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 students. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch.

Youth Lunch Bunch

The Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together next week! All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us right after church on Sunday, October 7, at noon. We will head out for lunch together at a local restaurant and return by 2:30 p.m. It's a great time to get connected or to bring a friend! If it's your first time, we'll treat you to lunch! Don't forget to bring money for food. Contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

