

ORIENTATION TO LIFE

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 29, 2019
at Ten Fifty A.M.

*Orientation Meeting
Sunday - 10:50 am.*

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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. Dana F. Everson

Victory in Jesus
St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 61

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

*Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!*

Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

There will be times of darkness in life
when light is hard to find.

Though the clouds may fill the sky
the sun hasn't left.

When night surrounds us
Christ is still present.

The Light of the World has never abandoned us.
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God, amen!

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love,
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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

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 601

THY WORD

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.*

*Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Bill Buxton, Patti Guest, Lauranne Harris, Becky Mashburn, Barbara Mathis,
Walt Mathis, Joni Lynn McClain

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Dr. Robert E. Long
Susan Easttom

Gia Grace Blurton

Harry Loeffler

Clark Pogemiller

David Harvey Clinton

Jonathan Maness

Desmond Swinconos

Abigail Curry

Tyler Mason

Mason J. Willingham

Larson Reed Fisher

Margo Lou Medley

Joseph Roy Gass

Ace Morris

ANTHEM

Ryan Murphy

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Chancel Choir, Brass and Timpani
Robert Fasol, organist
Eric Bradford, conductor

*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. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress. Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends to spare us; well our feeble frame He knows. Mother-like, God gently bears us; rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him; yet 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! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Johnny Mann

You'll Never Walk Alone
Sarah Jo Martin and Liz Wasson, soloists
Brass Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of the storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind walk on through the rain tho' your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone. You'll never walk alone.

Walk on through the wind walk on through the rain tho' your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone. You'll never walk, you'll never walk alone.

†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

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love. (Ephesians 4:15 - 16)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

You Are Not Alone
From the Sermon Series: Orientation to Life

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

†HYMN

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise your light has come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

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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 the prayer request cards found in the Registration Pads and place them in the offering plates 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.

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 at stlukesokc.org/live.

Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Morgan Jones, Director of Welcoming Ministry at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in August:

Downtown: Peggy and Don Manning, Kerry Guinn, Traci Wynn, Daniel and Tina Adams, Edward Knight, Allegra Knight, Rick and Beverly Fisher, Anna and Eric McMurray, Stephanie Wendt, Paulina Thompson

Edmond: Chase Miller, Nate and Lauren Enabnit, Bradley and Elinor Domes, Seth and Betsy Weedin, Jack and Janet Reynolds, Michael and Tyna Kelley, Kay Gump, Scott and Libby Adler, Mike, Jana, Katie and Jack Cheap, Bill, Julia and Georgia Krywicki, B.J. and Alicia Young, Patience "Bobbi" Claudio, Howard Daniels

One Church with Multiple Campuses

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Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community. Listed below are new and exciting ways for your entire family to be involved. For information about growing in your faith every week, stop by the Welcome Center today, call 232-1371, or visit stlukesokc.org.

HAPPENING TODAY

3rd Grade Bibles and 50 Year Members

Today is an unforgettable day for St. Luke's 3rd graders as they are presented their personalized Bible during each of the worship services. Making today even more special is the recognition of St. Luke's 50-year members. These members will be honored and presented with a special gold 50-year membership name tag.

Bible Boot Camp Today

St. Luke's is hosting a free "Bible Boot Camp" for children in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade today from 12 - 2 p.m. in Room 210. They will learn how to navigate their Bible and discover its history. Free pizza will be served for lunch.

Today at Home Point

Stop by the Home Point kiosk today for tips on making Table Time important in your family. The Table Time brochure will help you turn mealtime conversation into something everyone looks forward to. Learn pointers on having Just For Fun dialogue, along with intentional faith talks. You'll also see cards for delicious recipes. Become intentional about building your spiritual foundation at home with Home Point.

El Sistema in Concert Today

El Sistema is performing at the Grand Opening weekend of the new Scissortail Park today! Support our young musicians at noon on the Robinson Lawn. El Sistema's high school students will perform their newest ensemble, La Sala Musical, and will be led by new OCU Director of Orchestral Activities Jeffrey Grogan. Scissortail Park is located at 300 SW 7th in OKC (between Hudson and Robinson, north of I-40 and two blocks south of the Myriad Botanical Gardens).

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW

At St. Luke's, we believe connecting with others allows us to grow in faith together. From Sunday School to Bible Studies and Community Groups, there are several ways to grow in faith with a group of your peers. Find your perfect way to connect online at stlukesokc.org/grow.

Special WNA Guest Speaker

On October 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, there will be a special guest, Darryl Burton. Darryl will share his powerful life story of how God brought him through a tragedy of justice to a new life filled with hope and forgiveness. He spent 24 years wrongfully imprisoned with many of those days in the prison law library, dedicated to proving his innocence. However, it wasn't until he allowed Christ into his life that he began to experience a change. Darryl discovered that anger and hate can be another prison, and that Jesus said we must love our enemies, pray for them, and forgive them. Darryl was exonerated in 2008, and is now an associate pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. You will be inspired through his powerful message of "Hope and Forgiveness" through adversity. Visit darrylburton.org to learn more.

Wednesday Night Alive - It's Not Too Late

The 2019 Fall semester of WNA offers a variety of amazing classes for everyone. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. On the menu this week: Roasted chicken, baked potato bar, rolls, and cookies!

College Age Community Group

Looking to connect with other college-age students and grow in your faith? Join us for two different opportunities! On Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth room we have a student-led worship and Bible Study! Then on Sunday mornings we have a class led by various teachers at 9:40 in the Board Room. This is for students in college or near that age. For details, email Brooks Lambert at noah.b.lambert-1@ou.edu or call 625-3158.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, October 6, all of the St. Luke's Campuses are observing World Communion Sunday. It began in 1933 as a way to promote Christian unity and provide an opportunity to observe Holy Communion with others throughout the world. As St. Luke's participates in Communion, Dr. Bob Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert will also observe Communion in Africa. They will be in Africa looking for new mission opportunities. Rev. Josh Attaway will be preaching live at the Downtown Campus and will be streamed to the Edmond and Asbury Campuses.

Fall Festival

We need "Trunks" for the Fall Festival of Treats! Can you decorate your car in a friendly, non-spooky Halloween theme and hand out candy to "trunk-or-treaters" from your trunk? You will bring so much joy to children as they collect treats in St. Luke's south parking lot on Sunday, October 27. 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.

Children's Musical Auditions

Auditions for the Children's Christmas Musical are next month. Your child will have fun being a part of this special performance. Auditions are open to children in 1st-5th grades on Sunday, October 6 (from 12 - 1 p.m.) and on Sunday, October 13 (12 - 1 p.m.) in Room 211. Register online at stlukesokc.org. You can also email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Pet Blessing

Our pets have blessed our lives with unconditional love. Now you can honor your treasured relationship with them at St. Luke's Pet Blessing. Bring your pet to the Mansion Gardens on Sunday, October 6, from 2 - 4 p.m. No RSVP is needed. Bring them on a leash or in a carrier to the parking lot outside the Mansion. Pets will be prayed over by a pastor and the family will receive a special certificate and photo. Email Beth Armstrong with questions at barmstrong@stlukesokc.org.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Farm Trip Today

Youth - right after church, we're heading to the Orr Family Farm! We'll meet in the Youth Room today at 12:15 and will return at 5 p.m. The Youth Farm Trip is for all 6th-12th grade students. The cost for the day is \$20.

Youth Fall Retreat

Meet new people and connect with God at the Youth Fall Retreat - an incredible weekend with youth group friends to get away and grow in faith. It's November 22-24 at Oakridge Camp near Anadarko. There will be worship and small groups that will develop an important theme to help you grow in your faith. There's also lots of fun activities like outdoor laser tag, go carts, 9square, and more! The cost is \$120 and sign-up is by November 10. Register today at stlukesokc.org. Pay online or in person. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.