

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 16, 2020
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 10:50 A.M.

(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

PRELUDE

Dan Miller

Festival Alleluia
Robert Fasol, *organist*

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, till 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. Wendy Lambert

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

We come before the Lord of Light
to worship and give thanks.

This day we ask Christ for His vision
to see the world as He sees it.

We want to see the opportunities before us;
ways that we can share kindness and offer mercy.

We ask for new eyes to see all the moments
where we can love our neighbors without exception.

†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

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 454

OPEN MY EYES

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

ANTHEM

arr. Jack Schrader

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Chancel Choir
Robert Fasol, conductor/piano

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, and O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer. Take it to the Lord in prayer; take it to the Lord in prayer.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Moses Hogan

Do Lord, Remember Me
Cantate Chamber Choir
Connor McLaury, soloist
Robert Fasol, conductor

Do Lord, oh do Lord, Lord remember me. Oh, do Lord, oh do Lord, Lord, remember me. Do Lord, oh do Lord, Lord remember me, oh way beyond the sun.

I got a home in Beulah lan' that outshines the sun. Oh, I got a home in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. I got a home in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun, oh way beyond the sun. (Refrain)

I got a robe in Beulah lan' that outshines the sun. Oh I got a robe in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. I got a robe in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. Oh way beyond the sun. (Refrain)

I got a crown in Beulah lan' that outshines the sun. Oh I got a crown in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. I got a crown in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. Oh way beyond the sun. (Refrain)

I got a mother in Beulah lan' that outshines the sun. I got a father in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun. I got a Savior in Beulah lan' that out shines the sun, oh way beyond the sun. (Refrain)

†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.

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. David Poteet

But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone forth against me." Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave you or to return from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God; where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if even death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. (Ruth 1:11-18)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Can you see the opportunity for kindness?

From the Sermon Series - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN 451

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Christ, be our vision

to see people as you see them.

Let us look for opportunities

to offer kindness and mercy.

Christ, give us eyes to see all the moments

we can share your love and bring hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Concerto (Allegro)
Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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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

Cantate Chamber Choir

Connor McLaury, Soloist

Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was. He replied "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." We are told that we are called to be a neighbor to anyone - we are called to care for one another and show mercy. Jesus never gave any exemptions to that. We are our neighbors, no exceptions.



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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, Hospitality Coordinator at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in January:

Downtown: Phyllis Bennett, Arleen Burkhart, Eliada Keeling, Karen Delaney, Shane and Heather Wakefield, Robert and Maudean Wakefield, Caroline and Drew Mildren, Eddie Monarch

Edmond: Darlene Rose, Kristen Buzzard, Eddie Herron, Bryce, Melie and Norah Vincent, Allen and Tera Hutson, Jake and Lottie Long, Jeannie Pascuzzi, Todd and Wendy Sanders, Austin and Tess McKanna

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

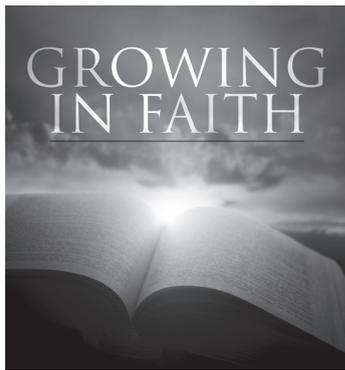
Random Acts of Kindness Day

Today as you leave the service, you will be given a card that has a random act of kindness on it. Take time this week to live out St. Luke's "Love Your Neighbor" theme by practicing kindness during the 25th anniversary of "Random Act of Kindness Day." You can see the full list of ideas or share your act of kindness by going online to stlukesokc.org/kindness.

Alaska Mission Trip Meeting

Enjoy a breathtaking trip to Alaska while sharing God's love! Learn more about this year's Alaska Mission Trip at an informational meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. Lunch will be provided. St. Luke's is returning to Chugiak, Alaska the week of July 10-17. We'll help the United Methodist Church with landscaping, working at Birchwood Camp, cleaning the grounds, rebuilding docks, and general maintenance of the cabins. This life-changing mission fills up quickly and we are limited to 15 people. The cost is \$1,400 per person which includes air fare, lodging, meals, and some excursions. For details about the trip, email Rev. Connie Barnett at cbarnett@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 808-4629.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW



Wednesday Night Alive

WNA is off to a great start and it's not too late to take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your faith. WNA offers a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children. Dinner is served in the Worship Center at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). This week's menu: brisket, smoked sausage, roasted red potatoes, creamed corn, rolls, cobbler, vanilla frozen yogurt. Classes begin at 6:30. More information about classes is available at the Welcome Center and online.

United Methodist Women Unit Meeting

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to the United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting. The UMW is a great opportunity to meet and get to know women interested in growing their faith and serving their communities. There will be a guest speaker, Brian Hyland, Associate Curator of the Bible Museum. All UMW Circles group members are encouraged to attend. The Unit Meeting takes place on Tuesday, February 18 at 10 a.m. in the Watchorn Chapel. There will be a lunch available after the meeting - cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Doris Stewart: stewart1@cox.net or 692-7152, or Mary Bailey: 207-8141.



United
Methodist
Women

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of Lent - a time of fasting, repentance, and reflection as we approach Easter. Ash Wednesday Services are February 26 at 6:30 p.m. featuring a message of hope and the imposition of ashes at all campuses. Rev. Keith King will be preaching Downtown, Rev. Josh Attaway at Edmond, and Rev. Connie Barnett at Asbury. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. at the Downtown and Edmond campuses (\$5 for adults, kids 12 and under are free). Nursery care will be provided (birth - 4 years old).

Community Guitar Ensemble

If you love guitar, you're invited to play in a fun environment with friends! Francisco Venegas will be teaching and leading our newest music group, the St. Luke's Guitar Ensemble. It's being held at the Edmond Campus on Saturday mornings, starting February 22, from 10 - 11:15 a.m. in Room 134. Semester ensemble dues are \$50 (covers instructor, class materials, etc). Ensemble members must provide their own guitar and footstool. We will have chairs and music stands. Contact Logan Fish with questions and to sign up. Email lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

Willy Wonka Jr. Auditions

All aspiring actors from ages 7 to 18 are invited to audition for a sweet role at St. Luke's! Willy Wonka Jr. is coming to the Poteet Theatre this April and auditions begin on March 1. We encourage a wide range of actors from all backgrounds to try out. There is a \$100 fee for actors in this production to help cover costumes, staff, and other administrative costs. To sign up for an audition time, go online to stlukesokc.org/arts. For details, email Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

Love Your Neighbor Daily Calendar and Window Cling

Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions" and to help us remember to love our neighbor, we have created an inspirational daily calendar and window cling. In the calendar, each day has a quote or scripture that is sure to help us remember to be kind. Be sure to stop by the Connection Point to pick up your calendar and cling today.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Guys vs Girls

All youth are invited to participate in a fun and friendly competition between the guys and the girls. Come help your team win a series of games and claim the prize! "Youth Guys vs Girls" is next Sunday, February 23, from 12:15-2:30 p.m in the Youth Room. Simply show up - a free lunch is provided! All 6th-12th grade students are invited. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch live at 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings at stlukesokc.org/live or facebook.com/stlukesokc.

