

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 9, 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

John Rutter

What Sweeter Music
St. Luke's String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 185

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies my heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Praise the Lord with gladness!

Come into His sanctuary with thanksgiving!

We have seen the goodness of the Lord;

we know the love of Christ!

His mercy gives life;

His faithfulness is never-ending.

The love that we have received is ours to share,

it will be replenished as we pour it out into the world.

Love is the goal

and the means by which we attain it.

†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

ANTHEM

arr. Philip WJ Stopford

Morning Has Broken

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano

Eric Bradford, conductor

*Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them singing, fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, spring in completeness where His feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Geoffrey O'Hara

One World

Taylor Moran and Taylor Stephens, vocalists

St. Luke's String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano

Eric Bradford, conductor

One world, built on a firm foundation; built on a firm foundation of peace. What a wondrous sight, freedom's flame alight, in a world where war shall cease: One world built on love and peace.

When God smiled, bright sunlight flooded hills and plains: Songbirds filled green valleys, with their glad refrains: All things God created, His great love to share.

Now let men and nations join and shout it everywhere: One world, built on a firm foundation: One world, no longer cursed by war; let no mortal man change the Master's plan; one great world at peace once more: One world, one world, one world, at peace forever more!

†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 Potteet

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

But have not love...

From the Sermon Series - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Burt Bacharach

What the World Needs Now Is Love

St. Luke's String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN 140

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! (continued on reverse side)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Go forth remembering the love that Christ has for you.

He has shown us incredible mercy.

Hear the call to a better way of life;

we will seek that which is everlasting.

We know our mission:

we will love our neighbors, no exceptions.

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Trumpet Voluntary in D
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

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Taylor Moran and Taylor Stephens, Vocalists

Sermon Notes



Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was. He replied "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind, should 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

Lunch With Bob Today

Get to know Dr. Bob and Marsha Long over lunch! They have been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear their inspiring story today at 12:15 p.m. for "Lunch With Bob" in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided.

Valentine's Day at Home Point

Stop by Home Point today and pick up a free copy of a Valentine's Day Guide that will help your family celebrate God's love. You will find ideas and resources to be intentional during this Valentine season with family and friends. Adjust the activities and ideas to fit what is best for you. Also, pick up scripture cards to read every day and memorize them to help you carry God's love in your heart throughout the year!

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

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 on February 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for the meeting online by February 13 at stlukesokc.org. 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 on the trip, email Rev. Connie Barnett at cbarnett@stlukesokc.org or call 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.

Monday Night Bible Study - The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament

Everyone is invited to a new 12-week Bible study that will help us explore the Old Testament so that we can have a fresh understanding of our Christian faith story. Rev. Keith King and Rev. Dave Poteet will be leading this study. The Epic of Eden meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in Room 207 at the Downtown Campus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of Lent - a time of fasting, repentance, and reflection as we approach Easter. Join us for Ash Wednesday Services on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. for 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You!

Thanks to the generous support from our family of faith, the kids at the Downtown and Asbury Campuses collected \$1,465.11 for Regional Food Bank of OK. The kids at the Edmond Campus collected \$1,850.97 for Project 66 (Food Bank in Edmond).

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 Lunch Bunch

Right after church today, the Youth Lunch Bunch is heading out for lunch together at a local restaurant! It's a great time to get connected or bring a friend. Lunch will last from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. All 6th - 12th grade students are invited. Simply show up to the Youth Room, bring money for food, and if it's your first time with us, we'll buy your lunch!

Youth Spring Break Mission Trips

It may be winter, but we're already thinking about Spring Break! All Youth are invited to have a blast and serve the community on this year's Spring Break Mission Trips. Middle School students are heading to Dallas from March 15 - 18. High School students are going down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana from March 15 - 21. The cost is \$250 for Middle School (\$100 deposit), and \$500 for High School (\$150 deposit). Mission Bucks can be earned to lower the cost! For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.