



GIVING UP

HOW LETTING GO CAN LEAD TO THE
LIFE THAT CHRIST WANTS FOR US

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. Mervin Tay

Jesu, Joy

Mervin Tay, trumpet

Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

SAFETY

Love Lifted Me

*I was sinking deep in fear, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply scarred
within, sinking to rise no more; but the Master of the sea heard my despairing
cry, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, in His blessed presence live,
ever His praises sing; love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His
love out of the angry waves; He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

We are one body;

a family of faith.

In times like these, we need each other;

we are stronger together.

Remember, each one of us is needed

and called to make a difference.

God calls us to be sincere; to be the people we were created to be.

We will give up anything that limits us from truly being ourselves.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(* universal)

†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. Phil Greenwald

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. Mark Hayes

Lean on Me (with We Shall Overcome)

St. Luke's Vocal Ensemble

Rob Bradshaw, cello

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday; oh, deep in my heart, I do believe. We shall overcome someday.

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But, if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend. I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have faith you need to borrow. For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'll understand We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road. I'll share your load if you just call me.

If you need a friend (call me), if you need somebody (call me), just lean on me (call me), we can work it out.

Yes, we shall overcome someday. You got to lean on me. We shall overcome someday. Someday!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

Easter Offering

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

John Mayer

Say

Candace Fish, Marcy Gonzales, Savannah White, soloists

Instrumental Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano

Take all of your wasted honor, every little past frustration. Take all of your so-called problems, better put 'em in quotations. Say what you need to say.

Walking like a one-man army, fighting with the shadows in your head. Living out the same old moment, knowing you'd be better off instead. If you could only say what you need to say. Say what you need to say.

Have no fear for giving over. You better know that in the end it's better to say too much than never to say what you need to say again.

Even if your hands are shaking and your faith is broken; even as the eyes are closing, do with a heart wide open. Say what you need to say.

†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 GOSPEL

Rev. Connie Barnett

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Hail, Master!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, why are you here?" Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. (Matthew 26:47 - 50)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

"The most impactful window in my life!"

From the Sermon Series: Giving Up

MUSICAL REFLECTION

John Legend

If You're Out There

Candace Fish, Marcy Gonzales, Savannah White, soloists

Rob Bradshaw, cello

Candace Fish, piano

If you hear this message, wherever you stand, I'm calling every woman, calling every man. We're the generation. We can't afford to wait. The future started yesterday and we're already late.

We've been looking for a song to sing, searched for a melody, searched for someone to lead. We've been looking for the world to change. If you feel the same then go on and say...

If you're out, there sing along with me. If you're out there, I'm dying to believe that you're out there. Stand up and say it loud. If you're out there, tomorrow's starting now. Now, now.

No more broken promises, no more call to war unless it's love and peace that we're really fighting for. We can destroy hunger. We can conquer hate. Put down the arms and raise your voice. We're joining hands today.

Oh I was looking for a song to sing. I searched for a leader but the leader was me. We were looking for the world to change. But, we can be heroes. Just go on and say.

If you're out there sing along with me. If you're out there I'm dying to believe that you're out there. Stand up and say it loud. If you're out there, tomorrow's starting now. Now, now. Oh now, now

If you're ready we can shake the world. Believe again. It starts within. We don't have to wait for destiny. We should be the change that we want to see.

If you're out there, if you're out there and you're ready now. Say it loud. Scream it out

If you're out there sing along with me. If you're out there I'm dying to believe that you're out there. Stand up and say it loud. If you're out there - tomorrow's starting now. If you're out there. If you're out there. If you're out there

If you hear this message, wherever you stand. I'm calling every woman, calling every man. We're the generation. We can't afford to wait. The future started yesterday and we're already late.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

ST. BRENDAN'S

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side. We will work with each other; we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

All of us were created by God and made in His image.

We are the children of God!

But, in all of creation, there is only one of you;

I will be the person I was created to be.

Be true to God, to yourself, and to others.

I commit to share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Fugue

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. Connie Barnett

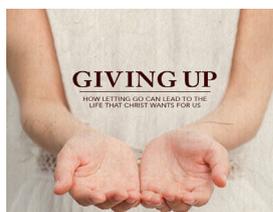
Asbury Campus Pastor

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Candace Fish, St. Luke's Campus Director of Traditional Worship

St. Luke's Choral and Instrumental Ensembles



Our lives have more than ever before – but “more” doesn’t automatically make them better. We own more, but that also means we have more things to maintain, repair, clean, and replace. We have busier schedules, but that also means less time for things that really matter. Having more can be stressful. Giving up things like busyness, resentment, and worry can lead us to the life that Christ wants for us. Freeing our lives from clutter gives us space and energy to be the people we are called to be.



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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 February:

Downtown: Susan Amis, Ronessa Burgess, Steve and Cathy Gray, Curtis and Emma Hendricks, June Martinez, Candice Mason, Janet Peoples, Katie Roberts, Vickie Roberts

Edmond: Scott and Kim Booker, Susan Hill, Shirley Moore, Barbara Loruse, Kathleen Best, Joan Ferrell and Ben Bural, Theresa Stradal, Kody Benton, Annica Lozano, Brandon and Holly Allen, Judy Satterfield, Connie Harrison

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lilies for Easter Sunday!

The St. Luke's Sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday - April 12. You can purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be a part of the Online Service via a special pre-worship video as well as listed in the online bulletin. Unfortunately, the lilies will not be available for pick up your after the service. To have your name listed there is an online order form and the cost is \$20. The deadline is April 5. You can order and pay for your lily online at stlukesokc.org/lily. You can also email your order to bbarnes@stlukesokc.org or call Bev Barnes - 609- 1020.

UMW Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women are adjusting this year's Palm Sunday Bake Sale. They are asking those who normally purchase items to consider making a donation to the Easter Offering Emergency Relief Fund. You can make your gift by sending in a check to the church or online at stlukesokc.org/give.

Palm Sunday

This week the children's ministry will be working during their virtual events to encourage children to make and wave a homemade palm branch. Parents please take time this week to record your child waving a palm branch and upload it to our website. We will combine all the videos to be part of the opening hymn of next Sunday's Online Worship Service. Learn more and upload your video at stluesokc.org/vcss. For details, email Taylor Easttom at teasttom@stlukesokc.org.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH THROUGH GIVING

Your gifts make a difference in these trying times. Please prayerfully continue to give as we Share God's Love and Bring Hope to the World. There are a number of different ways you can make your donations to St. Luke's. Each of these methods provide end-of-year giving statements. Donations are tax deductible.

Online Giving

You can give online through our secure service at stlukesokc.org/give. You can use a credit card or bank account number.

Text to give

Simply text "STL" to 73256 and follow the links to donate from your phone. You can use a credit card or bank account number.

Mail in your gifts

You can always mail in your gift to the church offices at 222 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73173 or call the Finance Office at 232-1371.

Easter Offering

Each year St. Luke's collects an Easter Offering to help with the missions in the community at St. Luke's. This year in addition to all the missions we support, we are creating an Emergency Fund to help those in our Family of Faith who are struggling due to the current physical and economic situations surrounding the Coronavirus Pandemic. All gifts made to the Easter Offering will go to bless lives in our community and around the world.

Donations can be made by digitally by texting "STL" to 73256 or online at stlukesokc.org/give. You can always mail in your gift to the church offices at 222 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103 or call the Finance Office at 232-1371.

STAYING CONNECTED DIGITALLY

Enhancing Your Worship Experience

When you worship online, there are links to register your attendance, download a Bulletin, chat with others worshipping, see upcoming News and Events, or listen to Audio Only to save on bandwidth.

Listen Live - Home Phone

We have implemented a new system to allow those who do not have internet or smart phones to be able to worship live on their home phone by calling toll free (855) 662-3700. You can call anytime and sign up to receive a call when we "Go Live" or call the number when you know we are live to listen in. If you missed the most recent broadcast, call anytime to hear that recording. Please call from the number you desire to hear the service from. If you have friends who are not able to watch the service, please pass the word on about this new option.

Television Broadcast

The sermon is broadcast on local television (one week delayed) every week at 10:30 a.m. on KOCO Channel 5.

Tech Support

If you have trouble with Online Worship or any other technical issues about staying connected with St. Luke's, we have set up an Online Support Team that is available to help by calling (405) 609-1023 or emailing info@stlukesokc.org. This team is available during worship, but it is best to contact during the week. Please leave a message and your call will be return as soon as possible.

GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

Wednesday Night Alive

Dr. Long and Rev. Lambert's WNA class will be live streamed this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. You can take part in this study the same way you connect on Sundays via the Online Worship setup using your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Digital Groups Studies

We are encouraging everyone to stay connected digitally through our Social Channels, but we are asking all groups to connect through the free programs of Slack and Zoom. Community Groups and Sunday School classes can have group chats and video chats through these systems. If you are a leader of a group please contact the Online Support Team at (405) 609-1023 or emailing info@stlukesokc.org.

Virtual Children's Sunday School

All Children are invited to be part of a Virtual Sunday School Lesson each Sunday at 10 a.m. This is an interactive class that meets on Zoom and you can learn more at stlukesokc.org/vcss or email teasttom@stlukesokc.org for more information.

Weekday Children's Moment

In order to provide additional support for growing in faith at home, we have added a weekday children's moment. This is a virtual class that children and families can be a part of live Monday - Thursday at 10 a.m. or by video afterwards. You can learn more at stlukesokc.org/vcss or email teasttom@stlukesokc.org for more information.

Online Lenten Bible Study

On Sunday evenings at 5 p.m., you can take part in an online Bible study on the St. Luke's United Methodist Facebook page. Rev. Josh Attaway is leading a Bible study for the season of Lent called "Living as Easter People." Rev. Keith King will be online facilitating and answering questions during the study. ([Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc))

Daily Devotionals

The Lenten Devotional is available as a digital version: you can follow us at [Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc) or sign up for the Devotional Email at stlukesokc.org. We would also be glad to mail you a devotional if you wish.

ONLINE LINKS

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