

GIVING UP

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



Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 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

Cynthia Dobrinski

Rondo Passacaglia
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, *director*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 126

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear Your part: To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own His power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Here, in the presence of God we are renewed;

mercy and grace are poured into our lives.

Christ calls us to reach out to those who are lonely;

those who have been forgotten;

those who have been rejected;

and those who have been denied justice.

We commit to making room in our lives

to love our neighbors without exception.

†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. Wendy Lambert

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. Walter Black

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Chancel Choir and String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free. Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love. Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best. 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own. How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love! O the deep, deep love!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus spread His praise from shore to shore! How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me. And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee, to Thee, to Thee.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Julie Turner

From Everlasting to Everlasting
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, director

†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

Brooks Lambert

When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:31 - 40)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

To the Least of These
From the Sermon Series: Giving Up

MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Mary McDonald

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Jordan Knapick, *soloist*

String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

There's a welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His love. But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.

If our love were but more simple, we could take Him at His word; and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of the Lord.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.

There is kindness, there is justice, there is mercy that's wider than the sea; there is goodness, there's forgiveness, God's mercy over me.

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty. There's a kindness in His justice, which is more, more than liberty!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

LANCASHIRE

The Voice of God Is Calling

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day; Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say: "Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need? Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?"

"I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; no field or mart is silent, no city street is still. I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we! Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be. Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour; but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

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From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve; take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way. Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

YOUTH MISSION TEAMS COMMISSIONING

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We will give up being judgmental
and show mercy to those who have been rejected;
to those who have been denied a voice
to those who have no one.
We are committed to follow Christ
and to love all people as He does.

POSTLUDE

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Toccata Festiva
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

Brooks Lambert
St. Luke's Member

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Jordan Knapick, Soloist

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*Jennifer Birney, Pat Birney, Steve Graham, Cathy Guyer,
Margaret Howell, Ron Howell, Dennis Martin, Rita Pierce,*

**Please keep in your prayers the Youth Mission Teams
who are sharing God's love during their Spring Break**

Middle School Mission Team traveling to Dallas, TX

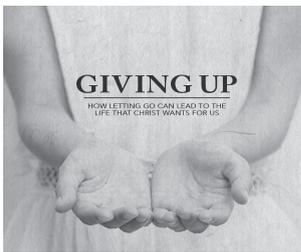
Students: Emerson Bayer, Lauren Boydston, Emmy Bush, Gabe Buxton, Lily Cavett, Audrey Copeland, Nathan Curran, Brooklyn Elrod, Kasen Flint, Avery Foreman, Landon Ingram, Garrison Khandros, Colin Mason, Katelin McDonald, Noel Mercer, Tyler Miller, Trent Morris, Dawson Murphy, Reagan Myers, Callie Selke, Abbey Sieg, Halle Siess, Bailey Sparkes, Macy Stone, Talayne Thompson

Adults: Sarah Cohea, Emily Charles, Morgan Gardiner, Mallory Pursell, Kim Robberson, Bill Shepherd, Bonnie Strom, JD Tatarian

High School Mission Team traveling to Baton Rouge, LA

Students: Alex Benda, Arden Boydston, Grace Cavett, Caton Coe, Jaylen Coe, Hayden Foreman, Claire Foreman, Noel Hillenbrand, Nathan Hottel, Grace Jackson, Jayden Kelly, Kamryn Kelly, Brooke Kelsner, Paris Khandros, Ella Kate King, Raiden Lambrix, Erika Manning, Zoe McDowell, Carley Miller, Ella Pilgrim, Reese Pirrong, Emma Reynolds, Harlea Robinson, Rose Sailer, Taylor Selke, Kolten Smith, Kathryn Souza, Quinten Walters

Adults: Amy Givens, Brian Givens, Laura Hottel, Rev. Wendy Lambert, Michelle Pursell, Steven Resendez



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

Downtown Campus
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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

Membership Sunday Today

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into our family of faith! Today is Membership Sunday. You're invited to a come-and-go brunch, with private joining moments available in the Mansion Chapel from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All you have to do is show up. No RSVP is required.

Community Orchestra Concert: Beethoven and Friends

St. Luke's Edmond Community Orchestra is celebrating Beethoven's 250th Birthday with a free concert. All kids and families are welcome! Join us today at 3 p.m. in the St. Luke's Edmond Worship Center. Bring a friend and enjoy great music performed by people from your community!

Lenten Devotionals

The staff has written devotionals for the Lenten Season to encourage you in your faith journey. You can pick up a copy of these devotional booklets just outside the worship space today. If you would rather have a digital version: follow us at [Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc) or sign up for the Devotional Email at stlukesokc.org.

Online Lenten Bible Study

Continuing tonight at 5 p.m., you can take part in an online Bible study. Every Sunday evening on the St. Luke's United Methodist Facebook page Rev. Josh Attaway will be 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))

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebuilding Day

In just a few hours, you can give hope to someone by making their home warm, safe, and dry. Be a part of St. Luke's team for Rebuilding Day on Saturday, April 18, from 9 - 5 p.m. Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit program that brings volunteers together to improve the homes and lives of low-income, elderly homeowners in the OKC area. Anyone with construction, painting, plumbing, or household repair skills is encouraged to join. There's also a place for people who simply want to help wherever needed. Please sign up online at stlukesokc.org.

Wednesday Night Alive

WNA continues this week with 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: BBQ chicken, BBQ pulled pork, mac and cheese, baked beans, rolls, dessert bars. Classes begin at 6:30. More information about classes is available at the Welcome Center and online.

4th and 5th Grade Service Project

Families of 4th and 5th graders have an opportunity to serve the community and love our neighbors by volunteering at Skyline Urban Ministry's food pantry and clothing closet. The service project is Saturday, March 28, from 8:45 a.m.-11:15. Skyline Urban Ministry is located at 500 SE 15th St. in Oklahoma City. Older siblings are welcome to volunteer as well! Register online at stlukesokc.org by March 27. For details, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

EXPERIENCE EASTER

- **Palm Sunday - April 5 -**

Children will be waving palm branches at the beginning of all worship services

- **Maundy Thursday - April 9**

Downtown Campus Maundy Thursday Communion Services - 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Watchorn Chapel.

Edmond Campus Maundy Thursday Communion - 7 - 8:30 a.m. and 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

- **Good Friday - April 10**

Self Guided 14 Station Prayer Walk - Begins near the south entrance of the Edmond Campus. Pick up a booklet at the Welcome Center.

Downtown Campus Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service - 7:30 p.m. Childcare is available through 5th grade.

Edmond Campus Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service - 6:30 p.m. Childcare is available through 5th grade.

- **Easter Egg Hunts - April 11**

Downtown - at the OCU Quad - 2501 N. Blackwelder, OKC. First Egg Hunt begins at 10 a.m.

Edmond - On the Edmond Campus grounds. First Egg Hunt begins at 10 a.m.

- **Easter Worship Services**

Saturday - April 11 - Edmond Campus - 5 p.m..

Sunday - April 12 - Downtown Campus

8:30 a.m. - Traditional; 9:40 a.m. - LifeLight Contemporary; 10:50 a.m. - Traditional

Sunday - April 12 - Edmond Campus

6:30 a.m. - Sunrise Worship Service with Communion (in the Courtyard)

9:15 a.m. - LifeLight Contemporary; 11 a.m. - Traditional

ARTS AT ST. LUKE'S EVENTS

St. Luke's Concert Series Presents: Robert and June

They have a combined service of more than 50 years at St. Luke's. Now they're teaming up to put on an incredible concert! Organist/Choirmaster, Robert Fasol, and LifeLight band leader, June Carter, are performing together on Sunday, March 22, at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) at the Downtown Campus. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting stlukesokc.org/tickets.

Poteet Summer Theatre Camp - Shrek Jr.

Attention all youth - have a blast this June at Poteet Summer Theatre Camp while performing in "Shrek Jr!" The camp is from June 8-28 (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.). In Shrek Jr., everyone's favorite ogre is back in this hilarious stage spectacle, based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film and outrageous Broadway musical. This camp, at the Downtown Campus Poteet Theatre, is for students ages 8-18. Tuition is \$350. Lunch and snacks are provided. Learn more by emailing Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

Poteet Theatre Presents Willy Wonka Jr.

Buy your tickets today to see *Willy Wonka Jr.* at St. Luke's Poteet Theatre! Based on the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, this is a "scrumdilyumptious" musical guaranteed to delight your sweet tooth! Performances are from April 24 - May 3. All seats are \$15. You can purchase tickets at stlukesokc.tix.com.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Service Day

The St. Luke's Youth Ministry is committed to serving the community, so we're excited to participate in Youth Service Day! All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us today from noon - 3 p.m. in the Youth Room. A free lunch will be provided before we begin a service project.