

Be Not Afraid



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Franz Liszt

Petrarch Sonnet No. 47
Hayden Coie, piano

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Josh Attaway

†HYMN 64

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

The authorities crucified Him,
but the grave couldn't hold Him.

The women went to the tomb expecting death,
but Christ had risen.

The disciples had witnessed the crucifixion,
but there was more to the story.

In the midst of death and despair, Christ tells us, "Be not afraid."
For there is always more to our story.

†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. 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. Barbara Baker

The Storm Is Passing Over
Choral and Instrumental Ensembles
Candace Fish, *piano*
Mervin Tay, *conductor*

Have courage my soul and let us journey on. Though the night is dark, and I am far from home. Thanks be to God, the morning light appears. The storm is passing over.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, the storm is passing over. Hallelujah!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

Richard Rodgers/
Oscar Hammerstein

You'll Never Walk Alone
Michael Andreaus, *soloist*
Candace Fish, *piano*

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.

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†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†THE GOSPEL

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." (Matthew 28:1 - 10)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

"There they will see me."

From the Sermon Series: Be Not Afraid

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Laura Story

You Came Running

Marcy Gonzales and Savannah White, soloists

Instrumental Ensemble

Hayden Coie, piano

Dreams dashed on a rocky shore, and the plans I had made came crashing to the floor. Heartbreak on this winding road, and the pieces I had gathered couldn't heal up on their own.

But the God of all comfort and the Prince of all Peace came running. You came running. You saw what was shattered, the depth of my need and came running. You came running to me.

Hope found in the midst of pain. Though this world is surely fading, my God You will remain my greatest joy, my soul's refrain. For me to live is Christ, and to die is only gain. For me to live is Christ, and to die is only gain.

The God of all comfort and the Prince of all Peace came running. You came running. You saw what was shattered, the depth of my need and came running. You came running to me.

Over and over You run after me. Over and over my pieces redeemed. Over and over new mercies I see.

The God of all comfort and the Prince of all Peace came running. You came running. You saw what was shattered, the depth of my need and came running. You came running to me.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN 580

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

In all things, God is with us;

nothing shall separate us from Christ.

The future might be unknown but we can face it with boldness,
for the Spirit of God dwells within us.

POSTLUDE

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Candace Fish, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Musicians

Candace Fish, *Edmond Campus Director of Traditional Worship*

Marcy Gonzales, *Asbury Campus Director of Worship*

Savannah White, *Edmond Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Mervin Tay, *Music Director/Composer*

St. Luke's Choral and Instrumental Ensembles

Michael Andreaus, *Soloist*

Sermon Notes



Throughout life we will face difficulties – circumstances that affect our homes, health, livelihoods, and our relationships. They are moments that can invoke fear. Yet, Christ came to set us free. He came that we would know His presence. We don't face our troubles alone; God is with us. Christ tells us, "Be not afraid."



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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 March:

Downtown: Tom and Kate Maness, Steve and Cindy Whitfield, Patty Pope, Jennifer Keel, Jesse Chesnut and Katharine Reeder, Tom Erbar, SuAn Burton, Bridger and Michelle Cox, Matt and Lindsey Zabel

Edmond: Jim and Cynde Clark, John and Tara Smith

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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.

VIRTUAL DISCIPLESHIP

We have created ways for you to continue growing in your faith. This includes video classes, Sunday School groups and Community Groups, as well as Virtual Children's Sunday School and more. Staying connected with your St. Luke's adult Sunday School class or small group digitally is easy through the Slack and Zoom apps. You can find instructions that help you prepare for connecting with your class online. If you need additional assistance, please contact the Online Support Team at 609-1023 or email info@stlukesokc.org.

Virtual Small Groups

We may be separated for now, but you can still find a connection with others through Virtual Small Groups! For example, Community Groups and Sunday School classes are meeting during this time "virtually" - growing in their faith through technology. If you are interested in being part of a group, please email Rev. Josh Attaway at jattaway@stlukesokc.org and he will get you connected with a group that fits your schedule.

WAYS TO CONNECT AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH

5-Minute Bible Studies with Wendy

Rev. Wendy Lambert brings a short scriptural message each day to help us dive deeper into the stories found in the book of Genesis. You can watch her studies each evening around 9 p.m. on our Facebook page (facebook.com/stlukesokc) and on the website (stlukesokc.org).

Women of Faith Bible Study

The Women of Faith Bible Study group is taking part in a study based on the book "31 Verses to Write on Your Heart," by Liz Curtis. This is a digital meeting on Zoom at noon on Thursdays. If you are interested in taking part in this study, contact Amy Givens - agivens@stlukesokc.org.

Youth Meeting Online

St. Luke's Youth are meeting regularly at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays and Wednesdays through Instagram Live followed by Zoom breakout rooms. Follow the Instagram account [@stlukesokcyouth](https://instagram.com/stlukesokcyouth) for encouragement and connection throughout the week.

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

Children can grow in faith during a virtual class designed for children and families Monday - Thursday at 10 a.m. You can learn more at stlukesokc.org/vcss or email teasttom@stlukesokc.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benevolence Fund

We have created 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 will go to help those in our community. Donations can be made by online giving (stlukesokc.org/give), texting to give (text "STL" to 73256 and follow the links), mailing in your gifts (222 NW 15th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73103) or calling the Finance Office at 232-1371.

Carillon Concert - May 8

Friday, May 8 is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE DAY). It is the day that marks the end of World War II in Europe. As a way to pay tribute to the many millions that gave so much to ensure our freedom, St. Luke's is having a short Carillon Bells musical tribute. At 5:30 p.m., our organist, Robert Fasol, will be performing several musical pieces on the Carillon. You are invited to park in the parking lots around the Downtown Campus and enjoy the concert. You can also listen on your phone - just dial (855) 662-3700 at 5:30 and you will be able to hear the concert.

Mother's Day Sunday - May 10

Being with your mom or your family is a tradition on Mother's Day. You can still worship with your family by inviting them to join you online for Sunday Worship. There will be a special tribute to all moms before the service and the Children's Ministry will have a fun video about moms that you can watch too. The Online Mother's Day worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. Watch live by going to stlukesokc.org/live or Facebook. [com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc).

Graduation Sunday - May 17

Congratulations to all our graduates from all of the campuses! You've worked hard to earn that diploma, so St. Luke's wants to recognize and celebrate you on Graduation Sunday, May 17. Fill out an online submission form at stlukesokc.org/graduationsunday and include a photo of your high school or college graduate by May 10. They will be recognized during the online service and in the bulletin. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or Sarah Cohea at scohea@stlukesokc.org.

FOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. Luke's is offering a helping hand to those who have been impacted by COVID-19. For many, sudden unemployment has put a tremendous strain on their ability to put food on the table. We are partnering with our church family, OG&E, the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, local restaurants, Feed the Children and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to provide fresh produce and meals to keep children, seniors and families fed during this crisis.

Mobile Market

The Mobile Market truck is distributing meals and fresh produce to families who have expressed a need and have applied for help. Delivery of food will be to select locations around the metro on Tuesdays and Fridays. Each week we hope to be helping over 5,000 people. If you or someone you know needs help, please fill out the form "I Need Help" online at stlukesokc.org/help.

Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City

A hot meal is available to seniors in Oklahoma City as part of the Meals on Wheels program. Participants must be 60 years of age or older and must require significant assistance to leave their home. If you or a loved one are 60 years of age or older, homebound, and have no one who can prepare meals, you may apply to receive home-delivered meals by completing the application online at endinghungerokc.org.