

Be Not Afraid



Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Sunday

May 24, 2020
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Steven Curtis Chapman

When You Are a Soldier
Michael Andreaus, soloist
Instrumental Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano

When you are a soldier, I will be your shield. I will go with you into the battlefield. And when the arrows start to fly, take My hand and hold on tight. And I will be your shield, 'cause I know how it feels when you are a soldier.

When you're tired from running, I will cheer you on. Look beside you and you'll see you're not alone. And when your strength is all but gone, I'll carry you until you're strong. And I will be your shield, 'cause I know how it feels when you're a soldier.

I will be the one, you can cry your song to. My eyes will share your tears. I'll be your friend if you win or if you're defeated. Whenever you need Me, I will be here.

When you're lost in darkness, I will hold the light. I will help you find your way through the night. I'll remind you of the truth and keep the flame alive in you. And I will be your shield, 'cause I know how it feels when you are a soldier. And I will be your shield, 'cause I know how it feels when you are a soldier.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN 696

MATERNA

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Let us worship the One who gave us life
and filled our lives with love.

This morning we acknowledge our grief
for loved ones who have gone on before us.

While we grieve our loss, we know our tears are temporary,
for the time will come when we'll see them again.

We needn't fear death, for Christ conquered the grave
and offers eternal life to all.

In life, in death, in life beyond death
there is nothing to fear, for He is with us.

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ENSURED OUR FREEDOM

Today is a day of remembrance. We are not bound by the grief of our past, but rather celebrate the lives that blessed us. Here and now we can still hear the voices of those long gone. We believe God spoke to us through their lives. Their words can give us joy today. Remember the ones who gave their lives in service of our country. Their gifts continue to bless us today.

We believe we have been blessed.

We know the gift of freedom that was passed down through the ages is one we continue to enjoy today. Believe that you have been blessed.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REFLECTION

Claude-Michel Schönberg

Bring Him Home

Michael Andreaus, soloist

Instrumental Ensemble

Mervin Tay, piano

God on high, hear my prayer. In my need, You have always been there. He is young. He's afraid. Let him rest. Heaven blessed. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

Bring him peace, bring him joy. He is young, he is only a boy. You can take, You can give. Let him be. Let him live. If I die, let me die. Let him live. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

He's like the son I might have known if God had granted me a son. The summers die, one by one. How soon they fly, on and on. And I am old and will be gone.

Bring him peace. Bring him joy. He is young, he is only a boy. You can take, You can give. Let him be. Let him live. If I die, let me die. Let him live. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

We have come today to remember the ones from our family of faith who have entered into life eternal. They are the ones who built this sanctuary, taught our classes, and served in mission. Be grateful for their gifts that continue to bless us today.

We believe we have been blessed.

We know God has loved us through their lives.

We have known God's grace by their service.

We remember and give thanks.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Robert E. Long

Lea Ann Baker	Beverly Gay	Duane Moore
Janie Baumeister	Ken Gladden	Pat Morton
Mitylene Becker	David Green	Mary Patterson
Charles Blackwood	Jacquie Harrah	Charles Pugsley
Jean Boswell	Don Hewitt	Betty Rainey
Shirley Brown	Harold Kelly	Flora Raunborg
Stan Chard	Aubrey Kerr	Dorthea Rickman
Rick Corn	Joann Lawrence	Lucy Shank
Shirley Dearborn	Kurt Leichter	Connie Stum
Jayne Drummond	Lois Lookabaugh	Rod Vernon
Paul Dykes	Dick Mayes	Mickey White
Floyd Emanuel	Bob Merry	Susan Willoughby
Al Frejo	Howard Miles	Larry Wood
Helen Jane Garrett	Sydney Moggridge	

MOMENT OF SILENCE

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. John Helgen

Soon and Very Soon

Chanda Graham, soloist

Choral and Instrumental Ensembles

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King; soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King; soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King.

No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King; no more cryin' there; we are goin' to see the King; no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King.

If there should be any rivers we must cross, should there be any mountains we must climb God will supply all the strength that we need, give us grace 'till we reach the other side.

No more dyin' there, we are going to see the King; no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King; no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah!

No more cryin' Hallelujah! No more dyin' Hallelujah! I said no more cryin' Hallelujah! There'll be no more dyin'. Hallelujah!

Soon and very soon, we're goin' to see the King! Hallelujah!

†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. David Poteet

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (John 8:15-18)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Assurance of God's Love

From the Sermon Series: Be Not Afraid

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR OWN LIVES

Today is a time to remember those in our lives who have helped to make us who we are. While we will continue to grieve their loss, we can be grateful for the time we were able to have with them. They were a gift from God for us and we look forward to the day we can be reunited in the kingdom eternal.

We are grateful for the time we had to share with them.

We believe we have been blessed.

Remember the ones you miss, the ones who brought joy in your life, the ones you long to see again. They were a gift from God and we are grateful for the time we had.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

During this time, the clergy will come forward to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

REFLECTION

Joe Hamilton

I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together

Marcy Gonzales, soloist

Instrumental Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I'm so glad we had this time together, just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say so long.

There's a time you put aside for dreamin', and a time for things you have to do. But the time I like best is any evening I can spend a moment here with you. When the time comes and I'm feeling lonely, when I'm feeling oh so blue, I just sit back and think of you only and the happiness comes through.

I'm so glad we had this time together 'cause it makes me feel that I belong. Seems we just get started and before you know it, guess it's time for me to say, "So long."

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

HYMN TO JOY

Listen, Now We Tell a Mystery

Listen, now we tell a mystery, told by prophets long before; we will all be changed forever; pain and death will be no more. With the Spirit's healing power faith becomes reality; we proclaim immortal glory far beyond what we can see.

Sound the transformation trumpet; sing a song of victory; heaven and earth join in the chorus, welcoming new liberty. Ever changing, ever growing, claiming all we're meant to be, we will join the Spirit's work of setting all creation free.

Celebrate new life eternal, springing from Creative Love; resurrection brings rejoicing all around us and above. With the liberating Spirit, we will rise on soaring wings, ever onward, ever forward, as the world in triumph rings.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

As the grave didn't hold Christ
we won't fear death.

We grieve the loved ones we've lost,
but with faith we'll see them again.

In this life and the next, God is with us.
We are not alone, thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

arr. Robert Fasol

Day of Rejoicing

Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Josh Attaway
Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Mervin Tay, LifeLight Music Director

Marcy Gonzales, Asbury Campus Worship Leader

St. Luke's Choral and Instrumental Ensembles

Michael Andreaus, Soloist

Chanda Graham, Soloist



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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 April:

Downtown: Carolyn Craig

Edmond: Amy Roselius

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
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Edmond Campus
900 N. Sooner Road
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Asbury 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Sunday Today

During the worship service today, we are remembering the St. Luke's family of faith members who passed away this past year. In the past, we have had a time for you to light a candle to remember your loved ones. This year, we are continuing that tradition of lighting candles in service, but, the clergy will be lighting candles on your behalf. If you would like a candle lit for a loved one, you can submit their name online at stlukesokc.org/events. You will see the clergy will light a candle in honor of all the names that are submitted.

Drive-In Worship Concert

All are invited to a drive in worship concert at the Edmond Campus on Friday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. The worship teams from the Downtown, Edmond, and Asbury campuses will lead this outside concert. Participants can enjoy the concert from their car or tailgates, or you may bring lawn chairs but please continue to maintain social distancing for the safety of all.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

As more and more of the Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers go back to work, the need for volunteers is increasing. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Oklahoma County. Visit endinghungerokc.org and complete the volunteer application and background check.

Hey, Watch This!

Here's a fun new way to make sure the kids are staying connected with Ms. Susan and Ms. Taylor. Get the kids and take a short video of them doing something fun. The kids (or a family member, if needed) are invited to do something like a trick on a trampoline, or a dance, or dribbling a basketball, or singing or playing a song on the piano. Then submit the video online at stlukesokc.org/vcss. Ms. Susan and Ms. Taylor will try to re-create the video and make their own video to show us how they did. Keep watching the Virtual Children's Sunday School link to see the new videos.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND INSPIRATION

We are sharing Words of Encouragement and inspiration throughout the week on our Facebook page (facebook.com/stlukesokc) and on the website (stlukesokc.org.) You can also search our YouTube channel to see these videos and other new videos daily.

- **Coffee with Bob**

Each morning, around 8 a.m., Dr. Long starts your day with a positive message as you sip your morning coffee. Bob shares words of hope, books he is reading, stories, and scriptures as we continue to find new ways to stay connected.

- **Word of Encouragement**

The St. Luke's pastors have come together to offer a word of hope in these challenging times.

- **Inspirational Music**

Take a moment to enjoy the gift of music by the talented musicians at St. Luke's. New music by the Worship Team is being added all the time.

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. 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).

Youth Meeting Online

St. Luke's Youth are meeting regularly at 7:30 p.m. on Sundays on Zoom and Wednesdays on Instagram Live. Follow the Instagram account [@stlukesokcyouth](https://www.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.

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, Bank of Oklahoma, the OKC-County Health Department, local restaurants, Feed the Children and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to provide fresh produce and meals for children, seniors and families.

Mobile Market

The Mobile Market truck is distributing meals and produce to families on a first come, first serve basis to the following locations. The number that can be served at each location varies.

Tuesday: 11 a.m. – 12 noon ~ JFK Park, 1824 NE 16th Street

Tuesday: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ~ Christ Temple Church, 2717 N Kelley Ave.

Tuesday: 3 – 4 p.m. ~ Uptown at Kelley Apartments, 2502 N Kelley Ave.

Wednesday – Noon – 1:30 p.m. ~ Chinese International UMC, 321 W. 8th Street – Edmond

Thursday – 2 – 2:45 p.m. – Ambassador Courts Apartments, 800 SE 15th Street

Thursday – 3:15 – 4 p.m. ~ Will Rogers Apartments, 1620 Heyman Street

Friday: 11 a.m. – 12 noon ~ Capitol Hill Library, 327 SW 27th Street

Friday: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. ~ Old Heritage Park Mall parking lot, 6909 E. Reno - Midwest City