

Be Not Afraid



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Remembering Victory in Europe Day

May 3, 2020
at Ten Fifty A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Be Not Afraid
Robert Fasol, organist
Brass Trio

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†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 th' eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ came that we might have life,
a life more abundant.

We all have talents which are meant to be shared;
resources that can be invested in life,
so that we can fully live,
and help others to do the same.

†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. Josh Attaway

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. Cliff Duren

Not for a Moment
Savannah White, soloist
Choral Ensemble and Brass
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

You were reaching through the storm, walking on the water, even when I could not see. In the middle of it all, when I thought You were a thousand miles away, not for a moment did You forsake me: not for a moment did You forsake me.

After all, You are constant. After all, You are only good. After all, You are sovereign. Not for a moment will you forsake me.

You were singing in the dark, whispering Your promise, even when I could not hear. And I was held in Your arms, carried for a thousand miles to show not for a moment did You forsake me.

After all, You are constant. After all, You are only good. After all, You are sovereign. Not for a moment will you forsake me. Not for a moment will you forsake me.

Every step, every breath, You are there; every tear, every cry, every prayer. In my hurt, at my worst, when my world falls down, not for a moment will You forsake me.

Even in the dark, even when it's hard, You'll never leave me.

After all, You are constant. After all, You are only good. After all, You are sovereign. Not for a moment will you forsake me. Not for a moment will you forsake me.

Not for a moment will You forsake me. Lord, you are constant. Yes, You are and Lord, You are good, so good. Lord, You are sovereign. Oh, not for a moment will You forsake me.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Tom Trenney

My Hope Is Built
Choral Ensemble and Brass
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Christ is the Rock! On Christ, the solid Rock I stand.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; not on the sinking sand.

On Christ I stand.

On the solid rock I stand.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand.

†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. Josh Attaway

"For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' " (Matthew 25:14 - 25)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E Long

"I hid it because I was afraid."

From the Sermon Series: Be Not Afraid

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

(The candle on the altar will be lit in tribute to those who faithfully served)

This is a special anniversary, the end to the war in Europe.

We remember those individuals who helped their countries and the world to

see that peace would never be accomplished by the appeasement of evil.

We give thanks for all the men and women who served.

They were someone's son,

someone's sister,

someone's father.

They were all children of God.

Let us never forget their bravery, their sacrifice, and their part in bringing an end to regimes that sought to eliminate the rights and the lives of certain groups of people.

In light of the liberties that they fought for and we now enjoy:

let us be mindful of peace;

help us not diminish someone's rights for the absence of conflict;

enable us to see ways to serve one another.

We commit to seek reconciliation with one another;

we will ensure the right of each and every person to live a full, abundant life;

we will honor God by choosing to love our neighbors, no exceptions.

Here I Am, Lord

Josh Lewis, Wendyle Andrews, Hayden Coie, Logan Fish, *vocalists*
Brass

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

Here I am, here I am, Lord.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

HYFRYDOL

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Christ, You call us all to service, call us all who follow You; plant in us a deep commitment all Your work and will to do. Fire a passion for Your justice, in us kindle love of peace; help us heal the brokenhearted, to the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together, brothers, sisters, side by side; equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied. To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old; help us use each skill and talent Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife; seeking ways more just of sharing and of healing human life. Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be; send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Be not afraid, for Christ is with you
we embrace the life He offers.

Put your gifts and talents to good use:

we commit to share God's love and bring hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

Stephen Paulus

The Dance of King David
Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Josh Attaway
Edmond Campus Pastor

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Savannah White, Edmond Campus Director of LifeLight Worship

St. Luke's Choral Ensemble and Brass

Mervin Tay, Trumpet

Logan Fish, Horn

Daryl Nagode, Trombone



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

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

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 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.

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).

Mother's Day Video Tribute

There will be a special tribute to all of the St. Luke's mothers on Sunday, May 10, so please send in photos of you and your mom, your children and their mom, or send in your favorite pictures with your children! We will be using these photos to make a video tribute to moms that will be part of the online pre-service Mother's Day festivities. Submit your photos here: stlukesokc.org/mom.

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.

Virtual Dessert with Bob

Get to know Dr. Bob Long over a "virtual" treat! On Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m., join us online for a Virtual Dessert with Bob. He has been Sharing God's Love with St. Luke's for 29 years. For this event, he will be sharing the history of St. Luke's, our vision for the future, and lots of fun stories with plenty of time to answer questions. You will also learn what it means to become a member of St. Luke's. You can meet up with Bob online by going to stlukesokc.org/live. If you have any questions, please email membership@stlukesokc.org.

Esther Women Online Meeting

All ladies are invited to be part of a special Esther Women's event on Wednesday, May 6. The event will take place online with Chan Hellman, PhD as the featured speaker. Chan is an OU Professor and the Founding Director of The Hope Research Center at OU. His research is focused on hope as a psychological strength helping children and adults overcome trauma and adversity. Chan is the co-author of *Hope Rising, How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life*. This presentation starts at 11:30 a.m. with a special treat - Kyle Dillingham will be sharing his musical talents. Along with the lesson of "hope," is the presentation of the "Esther Award" that will be a step of hope for some sister in our community. You can watch live by going to stlukesokc.org/ewlive.

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.

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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.