

# Love WITHOUT Exception

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP First Sunday After the Epiphany January 10, 2021 10:50 A.M.

PRELUDE

McCartney/Lennon

*All You Need Is Love*  
Robert Fasol, piano

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. David Poteet

†HYMN

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest  
in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are  
fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true  
life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish,  
but naught changeth Thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the  
splendor of light hideth Thee.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Poteet

We come together in Christ

**to be reminded of His love for us and for all people.**

Jesus is the living example of love

**and has shown us a greater reality:**

love doesn't demand its own way,

**it serves the greater good.**

We are called to follow His example

**and reflect His love in the way we treat one another.**

†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. Keith King

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

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. David Poteet

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Jay Althouse

*Put a Little Love in Your Heart*  
Choral and Instrumental Ensembles  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Sydney Arrendell, *conductor*

*Think of your fellow man, give him a helping hand. Put a little love in your heart. You see it's getting late, oh, please don't hesitate. Put a little love in your heart.*

*And the world will be a better place. You know the world will be a better place, for you and me. You just wait and see.*

*Another day goes by and still the children cry. Put a little love in your heart. If you want the world to know we won't let hatred grow. Put a little love in your heart.*

*And the world will be a better place. You know the world will be a better place, for you and me. You just wait and see.*

*Put a little love in your heart. Put a little love in your heart. Put a little love in your heart, a little love in your heart, a little love in your heart.*

*Take a good look around and if you're looking down, put a little love in your heart. I hope when you decide kindness will be your guide. Put a little love in your heart.*

*And the world will be a better place. You know the world will be a better place, for you and me. You just wait and see.*

*Put a little love in your heart. Put a little love in your heart. Put a little love in your heart, a little love in your heart, a little love in your heart. Put a little love in, put a little love in, put a little love in your heart, in your heart.*

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

***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 EPISTLE

Amy Givens

It is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. (1 Corinthians 13:5 - 6)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*Love Doesn't Insist on It's Own Way*

From the Sermon Series: Love Without Exception

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Mark Hayes

*One Song of Love*

Eryn Lecroy, *soloist*

Choral and Instrumental Ensembles

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Sydney Arrendell, *conductor*

*If we all sing one song, one song of love, one song of peace, one song to make all our troubles cease, one hymn, one theme, one hope, one dream. Imagine what tomorrow would bring if we all sing one song.*

*If we all learn the words, just think how great the song will be. And since the song is in freedom's key, one voice you'd hear, so pure, so clear. Imagine what tomorrow would bring if we all sing one song.*

*There's just one sun that warms our day, the same moon and stars light our way. This little ball whirling in space, it's our only home, our only place.*

*If we all sing one song, one song of love, one song of peace, one song to make all our troubles cease. Imagine what tomorrow would bring if we all sing one song.*

*There's just one sun that warms our day, the same moon and stars light our way. This little ball whirling in space, it's our only home, our only place.*

*If we all sing one song, one song of love, one song of peace, one song to make all our troubles cease. Imagine what tomorrow would bring, imagine what tomorrow would bring, imagine what tomorrow would bring, if we all sing one song of love, if we all sing one song, sing one song, sing one song!*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## †HYMN

ST. ANNE

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

*Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.*

*Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.*

*Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.*

*Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

To live love without exception

**we look to Christ as our example.**

We will share God's love and bring hope to the world;

**by loving our neighbor, no exceptions.**

## POSTLUDE

*Grand Fantasia (We Shall Overcome)*

Robert Fasol, *organist*





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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](mailto: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](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org).

## Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in December:

*Downtown:* Jane and Gerald Gamble, Jim Purcell, Kyle, Paula, Kent and Jack Hall, Christi Johnson-McGhee, Heather and Tyler Whiteside, Cynthia Wilson

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wednesday Night Alive Returns**

We're welcoming the new year with a new Wednesday Night Alive! Starting January 27, the Winter Session of WNA will be completely online for your safety. Several video classes will be taught by St. Luke's clergy and other videos will be available for individuals and small groups to help you grow in your faith. Stay tuned to [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) for more information coming soon!

### **Weekdays with Wendy**

To help us all stay connected in 2021, Rev. Wendy Lambert is starting a new video devotional that will be based on the flip calendars that were created for 2020. Every evening she will take the quote or Bible verse for the day and share a short devotional. You will be able to view this on our Facebook and website.

### **Love Your Neighbor Daily Calendar**

Our theme, "Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions," will continue in 2021 and to help us remember to love our neighbor, we have an inspirational daily calendar. In the calendar, each day has a quote or scripture that is sure to help us remember to be kind. If you are in need of a calendar, you can stop by the church to pick one up, or request one online at [stlukesokc.org/loveyourneighbor](http://stlukesokc.org/loveyourneighbor).

### **WOW Community Group**

The Women on Wednesday (WOW) Community Group is starting a new Zoom study, "The Ten Commandments from the Backside," by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The ladies meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. For more information and details on how to join the Zoom meeting, please contact Karen Littlefield at [karenlitt1@cox.net](mailto:karenlitt1@cox.net).

### **Women of Faith**

Women of all ages are invited to start a new study called "Renewed" by Heather M. Dixon. In this four-week study of the Book of Ruth, women glean wisdom from Naomi's perspective, a woman who lived a story she didn't choose or like. Forced to chart a new path as she mourned the loss of her husband and two sons, Naomi learned that the journey from bitterness to renewed hope and joy was rooted in God's promise of redemption. The studies will be online at [stlukesokc.org/faithzoom](http://stlukesokc.org/faithzoom) and will take place on Thursdays, noon - 1 p.m., starting January 14.

### **Single Vision Community Group Starts New Study**

Do you find it difficult to connect with others? Join a new study for the Single Vision Community Group called "Healing Conversations: Talking Yourself Out of Conflict and Loneliness." This study will bring to life seven elements of how to have deep and fulfilling conversations so that people can connect in a world with so many obstacles. It starts Monday, January 11, and will meet every Monday from 6 - 7 p.m. For details, please email Karen Littlefield at [karenlitt1@cox.net](mailto:karenlitt1@cox.net) or call (405) 323-8312.

### **St. Luke's Community Orchestra Spring Session**

Do you play an instrument? Used to play? Well dust off the case and rediscover your love of music in the St. Luke's Community Orchestra! The 2021 Spring Session will meet Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. starting January 25 at the Edmond Campus Worship Center. Everyone is invited to play! We will be practicing COVID-19 protocols during rehearsals. Membership dues are \$50, or just \$25 for students. For details, email Sydney Arrendell at [sydlynnwest@gmail.com](mailto:sydlynnwest@gmail.com) or call (830) 569-7870.

### **Connect with St. Luke's on Social Media!**

If you love fun, personal, and inspirational messages on your social media channels, be sure to Like/Follow/Subscribe to the St. Luke's social media channels! We are on Facebook (St. Luke's United Methodist Church, St. Luke's Edmond and St. Luke's Asbury), YouTube (St. Luke's United Methodist Church), and Instagram (@stlukesokc). Follow us for extra photos and content throughout the week.

## **FOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY**

### **Meals on Wheels**

Meals On Wheels needs volunteer drivers to deliver hot meals from Monday through Saturday. Routes originate from St. Luke's Asbury and Downtown campuses. You pick the schedule. We need anyone who is willing to drive once a month, once a week, or be an "on call" substitute driver. Sign up at [endinghungerokc.org](http://endinghungerokc.org), complete the background check, then sign up for a shift.

### **Mobile Market Truck Needs Volunteers**

There are many opportunities every Thursday and Friday to help our neighbors in need. Also there are opportunities to help with the Mobile Market stops on the last Saturday of the month. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities **every** week in this important program. For more information or to sign up, please go to [stlukesokc.org/help](http://stlukesokc.org/help).

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **Youth Sunday School -**

Missing connections with other students? Looking for a way to grow in your faith as we start the new year? Beginning on January 10, Youth grades 7 - 12 are invited to a Sunday morning Zoom class at 10 a.m. each Sunday in January. Even on our own devices from our own homes, we can still connect for Bible study and fellowship together! [stlukesokc.org/youthzoom](http://stlukesokc.org/youthzoom).

### **Stay Connected-**

Join Downtown Youth Remind text messages by sending a text to 81010 with the message @stlukesokc. Edmond Youth can connect on Group Me by contacting Sarah. Follow the St. Luke's Youth Instagram @stlukesokcyouth for announcements and photos!