SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
10:50 A.M.

Prelude

Johnny Pearson

All Creatures Great and Small
Instrumental Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano
Sydney Arrendell, conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Wendy Lambert

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in His keeping maintaining. God’s care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds. Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

Call to Worship

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Drawing near to God,
draws us near to one another.
The love of Christ
can fill the gaps in our relationships.
God created all of humankind,
making each one of us a child of God;
we are part of a family that transcends
time, space, and differences.
Let our daily lives show evidence
of choosing to unite rather than divide.

Affirmation of Faith

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to His children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love,
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

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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. David Poteet

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

REV. DAVID POTEEET

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. Margaret Bonds

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand
Chanda Graham, soloist
Instrumental Ensemble
Robert Fasol, organist  Hayden Coie, piano
Sydney Arrendell, conductor

He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got
the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand.

He’s got the woods and the waters in His hand, He’s got the woods and the waters in
His hand, He’s got the sun and the moon right in His hand, He’s got the whole world
in His hand.

He’s got the birds and the bees right in His hand, He’s got the birds and the bees right
in His hand, He’s got the beasts of the field right in His hand, He’s got the whole world
in His hand.

He’s got you and me right in His hand, He’s got you and me right in His hand, He’s got
everybody in His hand, He’s got the whole world in His hand, He’s got the whole
world in His hand.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE’S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Lari Goss

Bye and Bye
Chanda Graham, soloist
Choral and Instrumental Ensembles
Robert Fasol, piano
Sydney Arrendell, conductor

Well, bye and bye, bye and bye. When I reach that home beyond the sky where the
wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary shall rest, every day will be Sunday.
**To Worship**

*ringing of the Bells, Prelude, Welcome and greeting*

"Son of God and Son of man, whose mercy is over all His works, infinite in wisdom, power and love, We believe in God the Father, whose holy faith let us now declare."

"Of choosing to unite rather than divide. Let our daily lives show evidence time, space, and differences."

"God created all of humankind, drawing us near to one another. Drawing near to God, again; gladly forever adore Him."

"Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and movement praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His peace, joy, hope, love over there, over there, over there. Every day, over there, every day, over there. Every day will be Sunday bye and bye, bye and bye."

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**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.

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**The Gospel**

*Brooks Lambert*

And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it, and likewise a bag. And let him who has no sword sell his mantle and buy one. For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was reckoned with transgressors’; for what is written about me has its fulfilment." And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Luke 22:35 - 38, Matthew 9:9 - 13)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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**Sermon**

*Dr. Robert E. Long*

Choosing to Unite  

From the Sermon Series: The Room Where It Happened

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**Musical Reflection**

*Carole King*

You’ve Got a Friend  

Rafe McConnell and Taylor Stephens, vocalists  

Instrumental Ensemble  

Robert Fasol, piano  

Sydney Arrendell, conductor

When you’re down and troubled and you need some lovin’ care, and nothin’, nothin’ is goin’ right, close your eyes and think of me and soon I will be there to brighten up even your darkest night. You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am, I’ll come running to see you again. Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you have to do is call and I’ll be there. You’ve got a friend.

If the sky above you grows dark and full of clouds, and that old north wind begins to blow, keep your head together and call my name out loud; soon you’ll hear me knocking at your door. You just call out my name, and you know wherever I am, I’ll come running to see you again. Winter, spring, summer or fall, all you have to do is call and I’ll be there, yes I will.

Now ain’t it good to know that you’ve got a friend when people can be so cold? They’ll hurt you, yes, and desert you and take your soul if you let the. Oh, but don’t you let them.
The disciples who traveled with Jesus for three years. They sat at His feet and learned about life in God’s kingdom. Jesus showed them how to live and serve, all in the light of God’s grace found in Jesus. One thing was for sure, the lives of the disciples were not the same after they encountered Jesus. As they gathered in the Upper Room on the night before Jesus died, they realized that change was coming. Who they were when Jesus found them was no more.

Join us as we look at the disciples and who they became as they emerged from that room and experienced the power of the Resurrection.
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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 email your prayer concerns 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 January:

Downtown: Kiersten Kerr, Norm and Dana Tramba, Bisoh Moma, Morgan Smith  
Edmond: Shirley Shaw, Courtney Steward, Randy Crownover  
Online: Marlys McCurdy, Susan, David and Zachary Tyra, Carla Bensinger, Judy Scott

One Church with Multiple Campuses

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Asbury Campus  
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Postlude
Christ brought us new life;† hymn invitation to Christian discipleship

room and experienced the power of the Resurrection.

Join us as we look at the disciples and who they became as they emerged from that sending forth

hands for holding on; renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for

table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.

to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the

to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and

ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each

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In-Person Worship
We are excited to be returning to in-person worship on March 7! The current worship schedule will continue: Traditional Worship Service at 10:50 a.m. at the Downtown Campus and LifeLight Contemporary Worship Service at 11 a.m. at the Edmond Campus. Both of these services will continue to be live-streamed in all the current formats.

Below are the current details for all to follow:
• Everyone will need to wear masks while in the building with the exception of nursery age children. Please continue to wear your mask during the entire Worship Service.
• Children’s and Youth Sunday School are available during Worship.
• Nursery is available during worship for children 3 years old and under.
• Worship areas will be adjusted to maintain social distancing.

Lent Devotionals
Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection over the 40 days before Easter to focus on our relationship with God and to grow as disciples of Christ. The staff at St. Luke’s has written daily devotionals to inspire you throughout the season of Lent. You can pick up your devotional booklet at any St. Luke’s campus during normal working hours, or you can request one online at stlukesokc.org/Easter.

TV Broadcast Expanding
For over 20 years, St. Luke’s has broadcast the sermon on KOCO Channel 5 on Sunday mornings. Starting today, the broadcast will transition from a 30 minute program to an hour-long program. The program will still include the sermon, and now, you will be able to take part in the hymns, enjoy the special music, and scripture. It will give us the time to showcase the various ministries and missions of St. Luke’s. If you know someone who is not able to watch the online worship services, this new broadcast may be a good option for them. The program will still be a week delayed and air on KOCO Channel 5 on Sunday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

St. Luke’s Apple TV and ROKU Apps
St. Luke’s is expanding our online reach by launching new apps on Roku and Apple TV. We are working on having the worship services available live as well as other St. Luke’s programming on demand including Wednesday Night Alive, and devotionals from your Roku-enabled device or Apple TV. You can search for these new apps on your device by searching stlukesokc or St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. If you already have our Roku app it should automatically update.

Easter Offering
Each year St. Luke’s collects an Easter Offering to bless lives in our community and around the world. 100% of this offering goes to helping our neighbors in need. When you give, you make the world a better place by Sharing God’s Love and Bringing Hope to the World. You can give by mailing a check to the business office, online at stlukesokc.org/give, or text STL Easter to 73256.

UMW Sunday
St. Luke’s United Methodist Women have a rich, long running history of service within the church and the community. They will be celebrating their history on Sunday, March 7 on UMW Sunday. There will be a special time during the Worship Service to recognize the UMW and their work in missions and their service to St. Luke’s.
Easter Lilies
The St. Luke’s Sanctuary will be adorned with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday – April 4. You can purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be a part of the Online Service via a special pre-worship video as well as listed in the bulletin. The lilies will be available for pick up after the Easter services are complete. You can order and pay for your lily online at stlukesokc.org/lily. The cost is $20. You can also email your order to bbarnes@stlukesokc.org or call Bev Barnes - 609-1020. The deadline is March 28.

Wednesday Night Alive
There’s still time to join a WNA class or two! The Winter Session of WNA is completely online for your safety. Several video classes are being taught by St. Luke’s clergy and other videos are available for individuals and small groups to help you grow in your faith. Videos are posted each Wednesday afternoon by 5 p.m. for Dr. Long and Rev. Lambert’s class as well as Rev. Attaway’s class. On Demand classes are being streamed at 6:30 p.m. on their respective channels. For all the class descriptions and other information, please go to stlukesokc.org/WNA.

40 Day Lent Challenge for Kids
During the season of Lent, kids are being challenged to Share God’s Love and Bring Hope to the World! The challenge is to have each kid complete an act of kindness for 40 days. Each day, the kids will have a different task to complete. When they finish the challenge, we are encouraging parents to post their photos on social media and tag us with the #40DayChallenge hashtag. They will be an inspiration to others! For details, email Taylor Easttom at teasttom@stlukesokc.org.

Opportunity to Help Your Neighbor
St. Luke’s is looking for volunteers to work at a Vaccine Clinic on Friday, March 5, at the Cantera Event Center (1 SE 59th St. OKC). There are two shifts available: 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-6 p.m. We hope to find 15 volunteers for each shift who will welcome people, help them through the line, wipe down surfaces, and more. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org. For details, email Lori Hall at Lhall@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 609-1018.

Empower OKC Free Bookfair
St. Luke’s Asbury campus is giving away free books to children in South OKC! Our Hope Center partner, EmpowerOKC, is hosting a free book fair at 1320 SW 38th St. on March 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids in the community can come and shop for books at no cost. We’re also looking for volunteers to make this event a wonderful success. To sign up to volunteer, please go to events at stlukesokc.org.

Poteet Theatre Presents - Songs for a New World
Get your tickets today for the Poteet Theatre’s live-streamed production of Songs for a New World! Performance dates are March 12-14 in the Downtown Campus CLC; March 12 at 7:30 p.m., March 13 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and March 14 at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit stlukesokc.org/arts. Songs For A New World is the first musical from Tony Award winner Jason Robert Brown - a moving collection of powerful songs that examine life, love, and the choices that we make.

40 Day Challenge for Youth
During the season of Lent, the youth are being challenged to complete a 40 days of Lent Challenge. There are suggestions for prayer, fasting, serving, reading, or thinking in a different mindset during this holy time of the year. Daily reminders will be posted on the Youth Instagram stories (@stlukesokcyouth).

Hang Out in the Youth Room
Youth, 6th - 12th grade, are invited to come and hang out in the Youth Room for fellowship and connection today from 2 - 4 p.m at the Edmond Campus. The Youth will be at the Downtown Campus on March 7. Please plan on wearing a mask.