

# THE ROOM

WHERE IT HAPPENED

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

10:50 A.M.

PRELUDE

arr. Joe Utterback

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *organist*  
Sydney Arrendell, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN

TRUST AND OBEY

*Trust and Obey*

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows, are for those who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do, where He sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ came that we would have life more abundant;

**O Lord we believe! Help our unbelief!**

Come before Christ and worship;

**He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

We confess our worries and struggles

**and ask Christ to set our minds on caring for others.**

In the words of the hymn, "Fears and doubts, too long have bound us,

**free our hearts to work and praise!"**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the 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.

## †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. David Poteet

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. Jack Schrader

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Men's Chorus  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Sydney Arrendell, *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? 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? 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, Lord.*

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

## MISSION MOMENT

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Amazing Grace!*  
Choral and Instrumental Ensembles  
Robert Fasol, organist  
Sydney Arrendell, conductor

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease; I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

†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 GOSPEL

Rev. David Poteet

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:24 - 29)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*How Can We Know the Way?*  
From the Sermon Series: The Room Where It Happened

MUSICAL REFLECTION

William Kirkpatrick

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*  
Eryn Lecroy, soloist  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, piano  
Sydney Arrendell, conductor

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word, just to rest upon His promise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; and I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more! O for grace to trust Him more!*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r; crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for Thy salvation be our glory ever more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Jesus Christ is the Way;

**we trust and follow Him.**

We need not fear

**or be burdened with doubt,**

for Christ is with us and we are not alone;

**thanks be to God, Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

*Fugue*Robert Fasol, *organist*

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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*Musicians***Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster****Sydney Arrendell, Conductor****Eryn Lecroy, Soloist****Choral and Instrumental Ensembles**

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 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 February:**

*Downtown:* Renee and Tom Altadonna, Larry and Liz Hay, Peggy Moore-Page, Callie Pavithran, Mark and Rita D'Andrea

*Edmond:* Ford and Sherri Price, Bob and Lori Linder

*Online:* Gene and Jeanette Heitfield, Mary Davis

## **One Church with Multiple Campuses**

**Downtown Campus**  
222 NW 15th Street  
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[stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)

**Edmond 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

### **In-Person Worship**

We are excited to be returning to in-person worship! 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.

### **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](http://stlukesokc.org/give), or text STL Easter to 73256.

### **UMW Sunday Celebration**

For over 150 years, the United Methodist Women has been a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Across the country, members "put faith into action" by raising up to \$20 million every year for projects related to women, children, and youth in more than 100 countries around the world. There is a special time during the Worship Service to recognize the St. Luke's UMW and their work in missions and their service to St. Luke's. If you would like more information about the United Methodist Women you can stop by the table in the Narthex or visit [stlukesokc.org/umw](http://stlukesokc.org/umw) or contact UMW President Rhonda Trent at [rhondatrent@verizon.net](mailto:rhondatrent@verizon.net) or (703) 635-5630.

### **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](http://stlukesokc.org/lily). The cost is \$20. You can also email your order to [bbarnes@stlukesokc.org](mailto:bbarnes@stlukesokc.org) or call Bev Barnes - 609-1020. The deadline is March 28.

### **Wednesday Night Alive Continues**

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](http://stlukesokc.org/WNA).

### **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](http://stlukesokc.org).

### **Poteet Theatre Presents - *Songs for a New World***

Get your tickets today for the Poteet Theatre's live performance or the live-streamed production of *Songs for a New World!* Performances are March 12 - 14 in the Downtown Campus CLC. The evening performances will be live streamed. 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. Tickets are needed for livestream or in-person participation. For tickets visit [stlukesokc.org/arts](http://stlukesokc.org/arts)

### **Poteet Theatre's 20th Anniversary**

This week, St. Luke's is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Dedication of the Cindy Poteet Little Theatre. Please visit [stlukesokc.org/arts](http://stlukesokc.org/arts) and you will see a special video honoring Cindy Poteet, the director for whom the theatre was named. After Cindy passed away from cancer, a fundraising effort led to the completion of the Poteet Theatre and a dedication performance entitled "Tribute" was held on March 3, 2001 in honor of the theatre's namesake. Cindy was known for her humor, wit, and loving nature. Over the past 20 years, the Poteet Theatre has produced numerous critically acclaimed shows providing quality, family entertainment to the St. Luke's congregation and the surrounding OKC community.

### **Auditions for *Matilda, Jr.***

It's audition time at Poteet Theatre! *Matilda, Jr.* is a delightful story of a special little girl with an extraordinary imagination who dreams of a better life. Want to be part of the fun? Come to auditions on Sunday, March 21, from 2 - 5 p.m. in Poteet Theatre. Performances are May 14 - 16. To audition, sign up at [stlukesokc.org/arts](http://stlukesokc.org/arts).

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **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 Downtown Campus. Please plan on wearing a mask.

### **Youth Mission Spring Break**

Have fun and serve the community during Youth Mission Spring Break! This year, St. Luke's youth will be staying close to home as they love their neighbors through service projects during the week of March 14. Each day, youth will be able to meet at either the Downtown campus or Edmond campus for drop off and pick up. Transportation will be provided in the church vans to each location, but families are welcome to provide own transportation if preferred. Please wear a mask and register online by March 7 at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events).