

## WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.



### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2023

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

arr. Carl Schalk

*Lift High the Cross*  
St. Luke's Orchestra  
Robert Fasol, *organist/conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN

PROMISES

#### *Standing on the Promises*

*1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

When the future is unknown  
and the path unfamiliar;  
remember that we are not alone  
and Christ will lead us forward.

We have nothing to fear  
for He is with us.

In all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us;

**"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."** (Romans 8:38-39)

## †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

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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

## 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. Wendy Lambert

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## MISSION MOMENT

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

\* Give today - text the letters STL to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.

## OFFERTORY

Bergman/Hamlisch  
arr. Mark Hayes

*One Song*

*George Soter, soloist*

*St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra*

*Robert Fasol, piano/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, one song, if we all  
sing one song, sing one song, sing one song!*

## †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.*

## †GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Linda Harker

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

(Matthew 27:27 - 31)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*Building a Bridge of Hope to the Future  
From the Sermon Series: Love Wins*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

Carrie Underwood

*Love Wins*

Emma Krajicek, soloist

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*Politics and prejudice. How did it ever come to this? When everybody's got to pick a side. It don't matter if you're wrong or right, no. And so it goes, but I hold onto hope and I won't let go 'cause...*

*I, I believe you and me are sisters and brothers. And I, I believe, we're made to be here for each other. And we'll never fall if we walk hand in hand. Put a world that seems broken together again. Oh, I believe in the end Love wins.*

*Sometimes it takes alot of faith to keep believing there will come a day. When the tears and the sadness, the pain and the hate. The struggle, this madness will all fade away,*

*I, I believe you and me are sisters and brothers. And I, I believe, we're made to be here for each other. And we'll never fall if we walk hand in hand. Put a world that seems broken together again. Oh, I believe in the end Love wins.*

*Love is power, love is a smile, love reaches out, love is the remedy. Love is the answer, love's an open door, love is the only thing worth fighting for.*

*I, I believe you and me are sisters and brothers. And I, I believe, we're made to be here for each other. And we'll never fall if we walk hand in hand. Put a world that seems broken together again. Oh, I believe in the end Love wins.*

*Love will, love can, love still, love wins. Love will, love can, love still, love wins.*

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Forward Through the Ages*

*1 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*2 Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*3 Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life,  
 nor angels, nor principalities,  
 nor things present, nor things to come,  
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
 nor anything else in all creation,  
 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
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## POSTLUDE

Michelle McLaughlin

*Toccata Grande: Perseverance*  
 Robert Fasol, organist

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**  
 Senior Pastor

**Rev. Wendy Lambert**  
 Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. David Poteet**  
 Pastor of Congregational  
 Care

**Rev. Linda Harker**  
 Online Campus Pastor

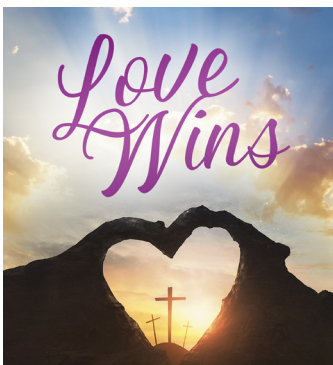
## MUSICIANS

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra**

**George Soter, Soloist**

**Emma Krajicek, Soloist**



In the midst of conflict and confusion, it is important to remember that we are not alone. Christ is with us. Christ came to be with us and show us the way to really triumph over adversities. In Christ's life and teachings, in His death and resurrection, we know that God's love wins!



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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### MINISTERS

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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. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ccm@stlukesokc.org) or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

#### Online Worship Service

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for our live-stream of the Edmond Campus Services (LL at 9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.) and the Downtown Campus Traditional Service (8:15, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at [stlukesokc.org/live](http://stlukesokc.org/live). Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc or St. Luke's United Methodist Church

#### TV Programming

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as an hour long television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The program is a week delayed.

#### 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 Tisha Tate Garcia at [ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org](mailto:ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org).

#### Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in February

*Downtown:* David Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, Charles and Marilyn Bethea, Rob and Patti Budolfson, Enda Burroughs, Hayden Coie, Barbara Crandall, Ruth Crawford, Nancy Ellis, Erika Ennis, Angela and Brian Ferguson, Raphael Garcia, Patti Harris and Rod Lakin, David & Brenda Hornbeek, Paul and Shirley Joseph, Andy, Kelly, Luke, and Mara Judd, Tom and Brenda McDaniel, Matt & Jamie Manoles, Mike Nuest, Derrick and Tawna Owens, Brenda Skaggs, Robin Stiner, Glenda Talbot, Alex Williams

*Edmond:* John and Lauren Heflin, Alex Mullings, Dennis and Betty Niver, Rich and Diane Rudebock, Gregory Ruch, Kalya Tagmir

*Online/TV:* Carl and Linda Hall, Deborah Sharpton

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### One Church with Multiple Campuses

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**Downtown Campus**  
222 NW 15th Street  
OKC, OK 73103  
(405) 232-1371  
[stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)

**Edmond Campus**  
900 N. Sooner Road  
Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
[stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org)

**Online Campus**  
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service  
[stlukesokc.org/online](http://stlukesokc.org/online)



## 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.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today - text the letters STL to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children.
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

### CHURCH MEETING AND DISAFFILIATION VOTE TODAY

#### FUTURE OF ST. LUKE'S

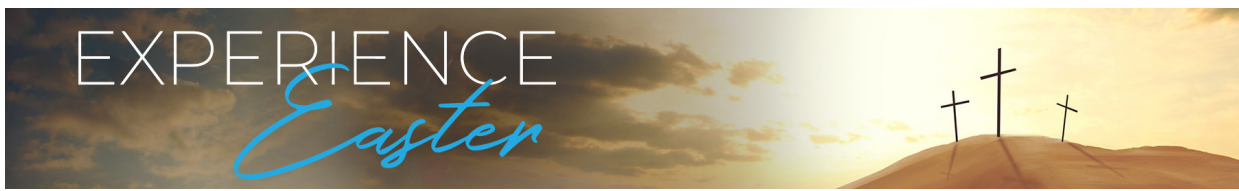
- *Lunch:* A build-your-own box lunch is available for free. Pick up your lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may eat in the designated Sunday School classrooms.
- *Childcare:* Childcare is available starting at 1 p.m. Nursery care for children from birth through age 3 is available in Room 116, first floor on the southwest side of the building. PreK – 6th grade may check in on the 2nd floor outside of Room 210.
- *Member Voter Registration:* St. Luke's Members will need to register with a photo ID to verify your membership prior to the meeting start time. Registration will take place in the Christian Life Center (CLC) at the Downtown Campus starting at 12 noon.
- *Registered Voter Areas:* The meeting takes place in the Sanctuary and the doors to the Sanctuary will open at 12:30 p.m. Only Registered Voters will be allowed to enter. If the Sanctuary's first floor and balcony fill up, Registered Voters will be allowed to watch the meeting and vote from the Christian Life Center. If the Christian Life Center fills up, Registered Voters will be allowed to watch the meeting and vote from the Fellowship Hall. There will only be microphones in the Sanctuary for those who wish to speak in favor or against the motion during the discussion.
- A vote "Yes" is a vote to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church Denomination. A vote "No" is a vote to stay in the United Methodist denomination. An "Abstain" will be counted as a "No" vote. If a ballot is invalid or not returned, it will also be counted as a "No" vote.
- The ballots will be collected, counted, and the result will be announced during the meeting. For the motion to pass, the "Yes" vote needs to be 66.7% or above of all ballots distributed.

#### WNA GUEST SPEAKER | MARCH 29

We can't wait for the Wednesday Night Alive speaker event on March 29 at 6:30 p.m., featuring Arshay Cooper. He will be sharing his inspirational story: growing up in Chicago and eventually becoming captain of the country's first all-black high school rowing team. His award-winning memoir chronicles his high school rowing career, *A Most Beautiful Thing*, which was recently adapted into a film by the same name. Arshay will be at the Downtown Campus and the presentation will also be streamed to the Edmond Campus. Arshay Cooper's books are available in Threefold.

#### BUILDING BETTER MOMS | MARCH 26

Building Better Moms meets next on March 26. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 - 2 p.m. as Heather Tiger teaches us about the devotional practice of scripture journaling. She will give us tools and space to connect creatively with the word of God, and discover how this practice can help us encounter God's word in new ways. Lunch and childcare is provided. We hope that you will join us and spread the word to others! To learn more and register, please visit [stlukesokc.org/event](http://stlukesokc.org/event).



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Come celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 9, at both St. Luke's campuses. The Downtown Campus will have Traditional worship services at 8:15 and 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and a LifeLight contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). The Edmond Campus will hold a LifeLight service on Saturday, April 8, at 5 p.m. in the Worship Center, and three services on Easter Sunday: a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., a LifeLight service at 9 a.m., and a Traditional service at 11 a.m.

## **HOLY WEEK EVENTS - For more information go to [stlukesokc.org/Easter](http://stlukesokc.org/Easter)**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Experience the message of Good Friday by praying through Stations of the Cross. The Stations can be followed in the Sanctuary at the Downtown Campus from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 3 - April 5 or along the walking trail at the Edmond Campus from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 7. It's a powerful way to enhance your prayer experience and meditate on the sacrifice that Jesus made for the world on that first Good Friday.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Join your family of faith for the Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus and at 6 p.m. at the Edmond Campus. Maundy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. On this night, Christians commemorate the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

Good Friday reaffirms our focus on Jesus as Christ through His crucifixion, and prepares us for His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You're invited to experience a meaningful time with your family of faith at St. Luke's Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 7. The Downtown Campus service is at 7:30 p.m. The Edmond Campus service is at 6:30 p.m. Nursery will be available.

### **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL**

Following the Good Friday service at the Edmond Campus, everyone is invited to take part in a Prayer Vigil. Beginning April 7 at 7:30 p.m. until the first Easter Service on Saturday at 5 p.m., this Prayer Vigil will be a time for people to pray for the church, our community, and for God's love and hope to be shared with the world this Easter. It will take place in the Family Room at the Edmond Campus and is open to anyone who would like to pray, either at the Edmond Campus or from wherever you are, however you will need to sign up for a time slot at [stlukesokc.org/events](http://stlukesokc.org/events). Children and youth are invited to join their parents as well.

### **ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT**

Get your cameras ready for 15,000 eggs to be scooped up in a matter of seconds! All children from infants-5th grade are invited to have fun at the St. Luke's All Church Easter Egg Hunt! Join us at the Edmond Campus on Saturday, April 8, at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. for an egg hunt, inflatables, face painting, crafts, food trucks (Donut NV and Humphrey's Coffee Camper), outdoor playgrounds, and the Easter Bunny himself!

### **EASTER LILIES**

The St. Luke's worship areas will be adorned with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday, April 9. You can purchase an Easter Lily for \$20 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. To have your name listed, please fill out an online order form at [stlukesokc.org/lily](http://stlukesokc.org/lily) by March 27.

### **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.