

The Order of Worship

March 10, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.
Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

SONG OF PRAISE (see insert) *Abide With Me*
Ryan Klasen and Ruth Heidelberger Henry Francis Lyte and Justin Smith

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE (see insert) *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*
Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Glenda and Mary Dickinson

OPENING HYMN NO. 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Left on our own, we would let our sins, our rebellion, and our disobedience to God control our lives, but we have been given the gift of Jesus Christ.

People: **This is good news: The gift is freely given. The gift brings us grace. The gift brings us forgiveness. The gift brings us new life and peace with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for such a gift. Amen.**

RESPONSE Please join the choir in singing

A Clean Heart



*Song of the month

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 160) Romans 10:8b-13

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jim Mayer

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*
Psalm 51:10-13 Carl F. Mueller (1892-1982)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 61) Luke 4:1-13

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Wasted Days and Wasted Nights”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 309 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

SHARING OUR JOYS AND LIFTING OUR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

GIVING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

CHORAL RESPONSE *A Lenten Benediction*
Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude on EBENEZER*
Thomas John Williams (1869-1944), arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)



Welcome to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church! If you are looking for a church home in Houston, we invite you to unite with St. Luke's. New members are welcomed by the Session following worship each Sunday. You may join by profession of faith and reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. Speak to Rev. Harbison if you have any questions.

St. Luke's Nursery is available for child care during Sunday worship services and special services during the year. Care is available on Sunday's beginning at 9:00 a.m. for children through age 5. Sunday School classes are available for ages 3 and older during the Sunday School hour.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer or you can fill out one of the small slips found in the pew racks and pass them to the usher during the Welcome and Announcements. To share confidential prayer requests, please hand them to Rev. Harbison following the benediction.

Did you make it out to our Mardi Gras celebration? We had great fun Tuesday night visiting with neighbors and friends. We all enjoyed a delicious fish dinner prepared on site and sweet jazz tunes from Marvin's Trio. The combination of live music and the fish fry on Fat Tuesday makes it a very popular event in our neighborhood and for St. Luke's! Thanks to everyone who made it possible, from planning to baking, to giving of your time and much more!

Third Sunday Morning Mission March 17: On the third Sunday of each month volunteers go to the Star of Hope Transitional Living Center at 2575 Reed Road, to assist with lunch service from 12:30-3:30 p.m. A sign up sheet is posted on the board in the Narthex. If this is your first time to volunteer, pick up a leaflet from the literature rack in the narthex with SOH guidelines and pre-register on their website as a new volunteer.

Our Lenten Devotionals, *Field Notes on the Observance of Lent*, published by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, are available in the Narthex. Pick up your copy today to guide you through your Lenten journey.

Azalea Gala and Auction May 2: Would you like to help us sponsor a table at CCSC's Azalea Gala? A table for 10 is \$1,750. If you would like to attend and sit at St. Luke's table, a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Priority will be given to those who make a donation and want to attend. For more information about the Gala visit the website at www.ccschouston.org/azalea. If you have questions, please speak to Rev. Harbison.

Copies of *These Days* (April-June) are available in the literature rack in the Narthex. This Presbyterian publication is written by clergy and lay leaders and has been a source of comfort and hope for 35 years. Each quarterly issue features daily devotions, questions for reflection, and a segment based on contemporary issues.

The office will be closed the week of March 11-17. If there is a pastoral emergency, call Scott's cell, 832.444.7273. There is intermittent service where he is going, but he will return the call as soon as possible. All other needs, please call and leave a message and we will return your call.

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte and Justin Smith

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Not Yet I, But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (Repeat)

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In Response to God Activities for the Week of March 10, 2019

Today's Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Sunday	March 10	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	March 11	7:30 am-7 pm – 7-8:30 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Re-Mind Support Group
Tuesday	March 12	7:30 am-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Pastor's Study Class will not meet
Wednesday	March 13	7:30 am-7 pm – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy WOW (Women of the Word) Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	March 14	7:30 am-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	March 15	7:30 am-7 pm – 3:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy "Pray Where You Are"
Saturday	March 16	9 am-6 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 17	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am – 12:30 pm –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Volunteers to Star of Hope

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