

In Response to God Activities for the Week of August 25, 2019

Today's Lectionary: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Sunday	August 25	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Fellowship & Refreshments Celebrate August birthdays! Called Session Meeting
Monday	August 26	3 pm–7 pm – 7:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Re:mind support group
Tuesday	August 27	3 pm–7 pm – 10:30 am –	Houston Dragon Academy Pastor's Study Class
Wednesday	August 28	3 pm–7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 29	3 pm–7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	August 30	3 pm–7 pm – 3:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy "Pray Where You Are"
Saturday	August 31	9 am–5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 1	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish AssociateThe Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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The Order of Worship

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (with Deep River)
African American Spiritual, arr. Erinn Jarell Schwarz

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Laura Smith

OPENING HYMN NO. 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
HYMN TO JOY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: This is good news: In Christ there is no judgment. We are filled
with grace, with hope, and with joy.

People: **Thanks be to God, who gives us new life. Amen.**

RESPONSE Shout to the North
Martin Smith

*"Shout to the North and the South, Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Savior to all. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth."*

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 702) Jeremiah 1:4-10

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Harbison

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision
Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 76) Luke 13:10-17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"A Month of Sundays"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service
BEECHER

SHARING OUR JOYS AND LIFTING OUR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

GIVING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD This Is the Day

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE NO. 322 Spirit of the Living God
LIVING GOD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Sing the Mighty Power of God
GESANGBUCH DER HERZOGL



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 can 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.

The flowers today are given by the Cooper family in celebration of Melissa Cooper's 90th birthday and to give honor to God for her many years.

Sayaka Seki is filling in for Marvin and providing music for worship. Thank you, Sayaka, for sharing your gifts with us today.

Longfellow Teacher Luncheon: Thanks to all the volunteers who served as hosts, those who provided food and gift cards, and helpers who set-up and cleaned-up for our 12th annual teacher luncheon on Friday. We served over 80 people, gave away gift cards totaling \$655, and sent two carts of school supplies back to the Longfellow classrooms. This luncheon is our way of kicking off the school year for the staff and a time for St. Luke's to say thank you to the teachers and staff who serve the students and families in our community.

Celebrate August Birthdays today: Have a piece of birthday cake after worship and wish all our birthday folks "Happy Birthday". If your birthday is this month, remember the Birthday Gift Fund and celebrate God's blessings in your life with a gift to St. Luke's.

Support group meets at St. Luke's: *Re:Mind* provides free and confidential support groups for individuals living with, or family and friends affected by, depression and bipolar disorders. The group meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. Brochures are in our literature rack. For more information, please visit their website, www.remindsupport.org.

Workday at St. Luke's: We are organizing a workday to beautify our church grounds and take care of some chores in the building. We will meet after church on October 13. Wear your work clothes to church and bring gloves and gardening tools if you have them. We have a limited number of gloves and tools at the church. Lunch will be served! Call the church office for more information.
