

In Response to God Activities for the Week of September 8, 2019

Today's Lectionary: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday	September 8	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	September 9	3 pm–7 pm – 7:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Re:mind support group
Tuesday	September 10	3 pm–7 pm – 10:30 am –	Houston Dragon Academy Pastor's Study Class
Wednesday	September 11	3 pm–7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 12	3 pm–7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	September 13	3 pm–7 pm – 3:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy "Pray Where You Are"
Saturday	September 14	9 am–5 pm – 9:30 am –	Houston Dragon Academy HLAA meeting/Session Room
Sunday	September 15	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship
Save the Date:	October 13	After church	Church Workday

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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The Order of Worship

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TWENTY-THIRD 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 He Leadeth Me
by William B. Bradbury, arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Laura Smith

OPENING HYMN NO. 361 How Firm a Foundation
FOUNDATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Two, three, thirty, 300—we have gathered as God’s people;
broken—we are made whole; alone—we are shaped into a family;
forgiven—we are sent forth to serve.

**People: Fed, forgiven, restored, loved. This community is our constant
reminder of God’s presence in our lives, of God’s grace that
makes us new. Thanks be to God. 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. 720) Jeremiah 18:1-11

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Laura Smith

ANTHEM Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
by Georg G. Boltze, arr. Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 78) Luke 14:25-33-

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“My Love of Playing the ‘Rise and Fall of the Third Reich’”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 394 There is a Balm in Gilead
BALM IN GILEAD, arr. Melva W. Costen

SHARING OUR JOYS AND LIFTING OUR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

GIVING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD Lord, Here Am I
by John Ness Beck

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trust and Obey
by Daniel B. Towner, arr. David Smither



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 Kenneth Russell to the glory of God and in thanks for his church family.

Sayaka Seki has agreed to serve as St. Luke’s Interim Pianist and Choirmaster until Marvin returns. Born in Japan, Sayaka has studied piano since the age of five. She completed her undergraduate degree in Piano Performance and her Masters in Accompanying and Chamber Music from the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston. She has been choral accompanist at Baptist Temple since 2017 and enthusiastically teaching piano since 2006. She is married to violinist, Kevin Hwang, and they enjoy playing chamber music together at concerts and at home.

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.

October 13th—save the date! 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. Lunch will be served!. Call the church office for more information.

HLAA meeting at St. Luke’s: The Hearing Loss Association of America, Houston Chapter, is a local support group for the deaf and hard of hearing of Houston. HLAA continuously supports their community by providing information to members about the most current support, technology, and resources available. Monthly meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month in our Session Room. The next meeting is Saturday 14.
