
The Order of Worship

February 26, 2023

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

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
HANOVER

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 3) Mark 4:1-11

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

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“In Every Way”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN 322 Spirit of the Living God
LIVING GOD

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Dale Wood (1934-2003)

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

CHORAL BENEDICTION A Lenten Response
Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
LYONS Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
arr. Marvin Gaspard

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 for more information.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

Sunday School: Children's Sunday School meets in Room 115 at 9 a.m. with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. Patti Ernst concludes her class on the Book of Romans today. Marty Moore will begin a study of Ephesians March 5. Our **Youth Group** meets at 9 a.m. in the history room (#129). Children and adult classes offer a virtual class alternative. Please let us know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation.

Adult Sunday School class begins new topic: On March 5th the Adult Sunday School class will begin a study of Ephesians, written while Apostle Paul was in prison. “Paul's central thought of Ephesians is the realization of our disunity that can become unity only when everything is united in Christ.” Grace, love, and peace are themes repeated from the recent study of Romans. Join us in the library as we continue our series of study and discussions of Paul's letters.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by David and Loretta Elledge to the glory of God and in honor of their grandsons, Parker and Truitt.

Our Lenten Devotionals, *Water and Spirit*, are available in the Narthex today. The devotions begin with a passage from the Gospel of John followed by quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers. Pick up your copy today to guide you through your Lenten journey.

Jazz in the Parking Lot and more! We had great fun Tuesday night celebrating Rev. Harbison's 15th anniversary of service at St. Luke's. His surprise party coupled with our annual Jazz in the Parking Lot and Fish Fry made for a perfect evening. Everyone enjoyed a delicious fish dinner prepared on site and sweet jazz tunes from Marvin's Trio. Thanks to everyone who made it possible, from planning, to baking, to giving of your time, and so much more!

Youth Conclaves water bottle project: Conclaves will be held at Camp Cho-Yeh March 17-19. The youth will fill the water bottles with donated items and deliver them to food pantries and schools in the Houston area. More information and a list of items needed for the project are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, March 12.

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of February 26, 2023

Today's Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5;12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday	February 26	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	February 27	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	February 28	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	March 1	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 2	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	March 3	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 4	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 5	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
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