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# The Order of Worship

March 5, 2023

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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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 210                      Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
ST. ANNE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 93)                      John:3:1-17

ANTHEM                                      God So Loved the World  
John 3:16                                      From *The Crucifixion*, John Stainer (1840-1901)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD                      Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
"The Journey"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN 310                      Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee  
ST. AGNES

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY                                      If With All Your Heart  
Nathan Thorp, tenor                      from *Elijah*, Felix Mendelsohn (1809-1847)

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

CHORAL RESPONSE                              A Lenten Response  
Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      Fugue in C Major BWV 553  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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**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.

**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. m. with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. Marty Moore is beginning a new study today on Ephesians. 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.

**The images on our bulletin covers** throughout the Lenten season have been created by our own Gage Campos. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

**The Adult Sunday School class** began a study of Ephesians today. 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 to the glory of God and in honor of Maddie Bunk on her 8th birthday by Sarah and Sean Bunk, and Big Sister, Ellie.

**Youth Conclaves water bottle project:** Conclaves will be held at Camp Cho-Yeh March 17-19. The water bottles will be filled 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.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** was established in 2021 to provide special instrumental and vocal guests throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Tax deductible gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, and special milestone events. You may make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and include "Friends of Music" on the memo line. For more information contact Marvin Gaspard at [mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net) or 713.667.6531 ext.103.

**St. Luke's will assist Montrose Street Reach** on March 16 with their monthly meal for the homeless in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal and our homemade desserts are always appreciated. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach at 713.409.0997.

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In Response to God  
Activities for the Week of March 5, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday	March 5	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 6	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 7	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	March 8	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy Service for Dick Lawson 10:00 am – Family Visitation 11:00 am – Funeral Service
Thursday	March 9	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	March 10	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 11	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 12	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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