
The Order of Worship

March 12, 2023

THIRD 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

PRELUDE
Laura Smith, harp; Quan Jiang, violin

On Wings of Song
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 361
FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
(NT p. 94) (Self Study—The Woman at the Well) John 4:5-42
(NT p. 155) Romans 5:1-11

ANTHEM
Dan Forrest

Arise, My Soul, Arise

REFLECTION ON THE WORD
Chaplain Jim Mayer

“The Road from Suffering to the Glory of God”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN 525
HERE I AM LORD

Here I Am, Lord

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY
John 14:15-18

If Ye Love Me
Philip Wilby

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

CHORAL BLESSING
Marvin Gaspard

A Lenten Response

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Psalm XIX

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., with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. Marty Moore is teaching a study 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.

Our Guest Minister today is Jim Mayer. Jim is a Certified Pastor, Hospice Chaplain for Vitas Hospice Care, and a member of St. Luke's. Thank you, Jim, for serving today while Rev. Harbison is out of town.

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!

Our Adult Sunday School class is studying 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 at 9 a.m. in the library as we continue our series of study and discussions of Paul's letters.

Food Sunday/Every Sunday: Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center food pantries. You can drop your donations off during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

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 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 dessert 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 (713.409.0997).

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of March 12, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Sunday	March 12	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 13	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7 pm – Session Meeting
Tuesday	March 14	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	March 15	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 16	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	March 17	7 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 18	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 19	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation 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
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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