
The Order of Worship

March 26, 2023

FIFTH 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 OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile, BWV 1003
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 105) John 11:17-45

VOLUNTARY It Is Well with My Soul
Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876), arr. Leanne Langley

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“Cry’n Jesus”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory
RATHBURN

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
ROCKINGHAM From *Psalmody in Miniature*, arr. Robert H. Young (1923-2011)

DOXOLOGY NO. 592

CHORAL BLESSING A Lenten Response
Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on *Lift High the Cross*
Based on CRUCIFER Sidney Nicholson, arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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.

The flowers this morning are given by Mike and Gloria Arcos to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and honor of their parents, Mike and Berta Arcos and Bernardo and Beatrice Eureste.

Palm Sunday: We invite youth of all ages to participate in next Sunday’s Palm Sunday Processional. If you’re interested, please gather in the narthex at 9:50 a.m. to be a part of the celebration!

Birthdays are back! Today we will play catch-up with 2023 and celebrate January, February, and March birthdays. Everyone is invited to enjoy a piece of birthday cake after worship in the Cookie Room. If you are celebrating a birthday this month be sure to stay after worship and let us celebrate you! Beginning in April, we will begin our birthday celebrations on the last Sunday of each month.

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!

Workday after worship today: Our Workday plans are to spread mulch, rake and bag leaves, plant "iron plants" along the entrance on Timberside, clean up the flowerbed around the monument sign near the playground, and clean up the church grounds in general. Thanks to the Property Committee for organizing this day. We want to put our best foot forward for Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt April 8 at 11 a.m.: Plan on celebrating Spring at our annual Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to hunting for eggs, each child will receive a ticket and prize drawings will be held after the hunt. Be sure and take a look at the bulletin insert and let us know how you can help.

A Correction to the Wednesday Word: The date of the memorial service for Shirley Bardin was incorrect in this week’s Wednesday Word. Her service will take place on Tuesday, March 28th at 11:00 a.m. at Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas.

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of March 26, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Sunday	March 26	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal Church Work Day 12:30 pm-3 pm – Violin Recital/Quan Jiang
Monday	March 27	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 28	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	March 29	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	March 30	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	March 31	7 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 1	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday Palm Sunday	April 2	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday April 2, 10 a.m.	Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.
Maundy Thursday April 6, 7 p.m.	A service of communion and reflection
Good Friday April 7, 7 p.m.	The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross Journey with Christ through the final hours.
Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 11 a.m.	Bring your Easter basket and join the fun! For children age 10 or younger
Easter Sunday April 9, 10 a.m.	Celebrate the Risen Lord!

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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