

In Response to God Activities for the Week of April 2, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27-66

Sunday Palm Sunday	April 2	9:00 am – Church School & Confirmation Class 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	April 3	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 4	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	April 5	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 6	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	April 7	7 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service
Saturday	April 8	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 11:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday Easter Sunday	April 9	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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
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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The Order of Worship

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PALM SUNDAY

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

INTROIT My Eternal King (Finale)
Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 23) Matthew 21:1-11

ANTHEM Hosanna!
Marvin Gaspard

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“A Sunday Stroll”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSIVE HYMN 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY Pie Jesus, from *Requiem*
Janet Bardin, Ann Guercio, sopranos Andrew Lloyd Webber

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG Prepare Ye, from *Godspell*
Stephen Schwartz

Please leave the Sanctuary as the choir sings the Closing Song.

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.

Today we commemorate Christ's triumphant entry in Jerusalem. The children of St. Luke's and our Chancel Choir will lead us in a joyful processional of palms as we mark the significance of this holy day.

The flowers today are given by the Bunk family to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the St. Luke's Presbyterian congregation.

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

Workday Reboot: Last Sunday our workday was interrupted by rain. Today we will have a reboot of our efforts and complete our list of chores to improve the church grounds. We will be raking and bagging leaves, cleaning up flower beds laying ground cover and mulching. Our Property Committee appreciates all of our volunteers who make the magic happen. Thank you!

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken on Easter Sunday. OGHs supports relief efforts to eliminate hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. When making your donation, please make your checks payable to St. Luke's and note OGHs on the memo line or contribute online at our website, www.stlukespres.org or at ww.specialofferings.pcusa.org.

Invite your family and friends with young children to our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. This annual celebration of Spring is a popular event for St. Luke's members and our neighborhood! If you can help us by donating candy, providing prizes for our drawing, filling plastic bags with candy, or assisting on Saturday morning, fill out one of the forms in today's bulletin to let us know.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, April 20th: St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to provide a meal to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Ed Dickinson (832-274-5526) or Jeanne Leach (713-409-0997).