

In Response to God
Activities for the week of April 30, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10, 1-10

Sunday	April 30	9:00 am – Church School
	Focus on Food	10:00 am – Worship
		11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
		Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	May 1	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	May 2	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	May 3	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 4	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	May 5	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 6	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	May 7	9:00 am – Church School
		10:00 am – Worship
		11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
		Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		4:00 pm – Blair Doerge Recital

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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The Order of Worship

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 473
DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 501)

Psalm 23

ANTHEM

Janet and Randall Bardin

You Are My Shepherd

John and Mary Giger

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. Margaret Desmond

“The Lord is My ...”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 276
FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
15th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



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 at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School** class meets in the Library at 9 a.m. with Marty Moore is leading the class on a study of Ephesians. Our **Youth Group** meets at 9 a.m. in 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 today are given by Carmen Hodgson to the glory of God and in memory of her mother, Sarah Cuthbert, on her birthday.

We welcome Rev. Margaret Desmond as our guest minister this morning. Rev. Desmond is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who has served churches in the Mid-West and Southeast Texas. She grew up here at St. Luke's church. Happy is she to worship with you this morning!

Focus on Food Today: We have set aside the fifth Sundays of each month to *Focus on Food*. We are asking everyone to make a special effort to bring non-perishable items to add to the CCSC collection basket. *Focus on Food* is just another way to bring us all together on these special days to fill CCSC's pantry shelves.

Friends of Music was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or in memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at 713.667.6531 ext. 103 or by email to mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.

Concert at St. Luke's Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.: Soprano, Blair Doerge, accompanied by pianist, Keith Weber, will present "The Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson" by Aaron Copland. Dickinson's twelve poems treat subject matter close to her: nature, death, life, eternity and Copland's compositions serve as a musical counterpart for the personality of the poet and, given the songs taken together, the aspect of a song cycle. Admission is free. Enjoy an afternoon of music at St. Luke's!

Worship services on YouTube: Our 10 a.m. worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on St. Luke's YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). Subscribe to St. Luke's YouTube channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.