

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of May 7, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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
Monday	May 8	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:00 pm – Spirits & Spirituality via Zoom
Tuesday	May 9	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 7:00 pm – Session Meeting
Wednesday	May 10	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 11	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	May 12	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 13	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	May 14	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  
 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

May 7, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.*

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Quan Jiang, violin

Sicilienne in E-flat major

Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759-1824)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 420

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 126)

Acts 7:55-60

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Slippery Slope”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE’S CREED

Hymnal p. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Janet Bardin & Ann Guercio

Glorious Is Thy Name

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791), B. B. McKinney (1886-1952)

Arr. Tom Fettke

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 515

LOVE UNKNOWN

Now to Your Table Spread

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

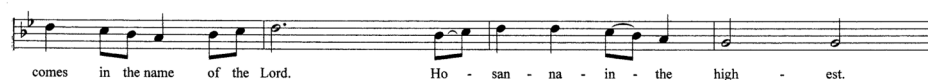
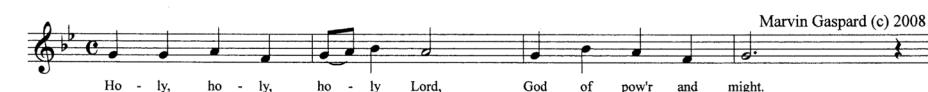
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus



COMMUNION

In Remembrance

From *Celebrate Life*

Beryl Red (1936-2013), Ragan Courtney

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

15th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

THAXTED

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)



**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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Mae, by Marvin Gaspard.

**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, and eternity. 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

**Spirits & Spirituality returns!** Join Rev. Harbison tomorrow at 7 p.m. for Spirits & Spirituality via Zoom. The meeting will provide an opportunity to suggest topics and make suggestions about possible venues for future in person meetings. The link to the meeting was published in the Wednesday Word on May 3rd.

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, May 18:** Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal served that evening. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531) or Ed Dickinson (832.274.5526).