

In Response to God
Activities for the week of May 21, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

Sunday	May 21	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	May 22	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	May 23	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	May 24	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 25	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	May 26	3 -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 27	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	May 28	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
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The Order of Worship

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

PRELUDE *Allegro*, from Piano Sonata no. 12 in F Major K. 332
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 144 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 118) Acts 1:1-14

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“Dear God Lover,”

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
Nathan Thorp, soloist

Fairest Lord Jesus
Derek Hakes, arr. Craig Courtney

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 145 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
MARION

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
Marvin Gaspard (c) 2008

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in - the high - est.

COMMUNION *Adagio*, from Piano Sonata no. 12 in F Major K. 332
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

RESPONSE For Thine is the Kingdom
from *The Lord's Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro assai*, from Piano Sonata no. 12 in F Major K. 332
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)



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, 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. 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.

Today we celebrate with Alton Jacoby on the occasion of his high school graduation. We're proud of you, Alton, and honored to celebrate your graduation with you and your family.

Our special guest pianist this morning is Andrew Vu. Andrew is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in piano performance at Houston Christian University where he studies with Dr. Daniel Kramlich and works collaboratively with the university's vocal majors. He has performed piano concerti with the incredible musicians of the Greater San Diego Chamber Orchestra and the Carmel Valley Summer Symphony and has accompanied church choirs and bands for over a decade. Aside from piano, Andrew is passionate about running, cooking, and travelling. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us today, Andrew, and welcome to St. Luke's!

Today is Ascension Sunday: Forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord, we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. (Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11; see also Mark 16:19-20.) On this day, the church gives thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of mercy (Hebrews 4:14-16).

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.

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.