

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of June 11, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday	June 11	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	June 12	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:00 pm – Session Meeting
Tuesday	June 13	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	June 14	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	June 15	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6:30 pm – Montrose Street Reach
Friday	June 16	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	June 17	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	June 18	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  
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 Assistant to Head of Staff ..... Mary Ann White  
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# The Order of Worship

June 11, 2023

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

TOLLING

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠ OPENING HYMN 430  
DARWALL'S 148TH

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 9)

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

ANTHEM  
From Matthew 11:28-30

Come Unto Me  
Mark Blankenship

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Friends in Low Places”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN OF RESPONSE 379  
SOLID ROCK

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

The Call  
David Ashley White

✠ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso, from *Water Music Suite*  
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)



**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 will meet for fellowship and coffee at 9 a.m. in the Library during the summer months, see announcement below. **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 symbol on the cover of today's bulletin** represents Christ's monogram. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. Together they symbolize the eternal nature of Christ. Alpha and Omega may appear as distinct letters or joined in a monogram, but they are never seen apart from each other.

**Refreshments and Fellowship** after worship are long standing traditions at St. Luke's, giving us an opportunity to get acquainted and share church and family news. If you are visiting St. Luke's, please join us after worship in Room #123 and discover one of St. Luke's greatest assets . . . the warm friendliness of our church family.

**The Adult Sunday school class** has completed their discussion and study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The class members agreed to recess study for the summer and instead they will gather for fellowship and coffee at 9 a.m. You are invited to join their fellowship and enjoy a cup of coffee in the Library. Class will resume in September for a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians.

**Our Men's Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, June 22 at Tapester's Grill, 4520 Beechnut. Lunch will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sign up on Sunday morning to let us know you are coming or call Steve Hurysz (713.289.4753). Please RSVP by June 18.

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, June 15:** On the third Thursday of each 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. Call the church office if you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeanne Leach or Ed Dickinson.

**Jazz Communion:** The Marvin Gaspard Trio returns for the 22nd year of Jazz Communion on July 2nd. You will be tappin' and clappin' to the Trio's jazzy tunes and enjoy familiar hymns. Save the date and invite a friend to join you for Jazz Communion, a 4th of July tradition at St. Luke's.