

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of June 25, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

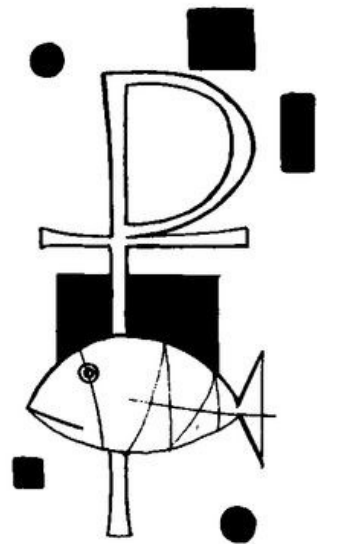
Sunday	June 25	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	June 26	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	June 27	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	June 28	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	June 29	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	June 30	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	July 1	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	July 2	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Jazz Communion 11:00 am – All American Picnic 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

June 25, 2023

## Fourth 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 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 (NT p. 10)

Matthew 10:24-39

ANTHEM  
Based on Psalm 8

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name  
Tom Fettke

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“A Bad Hair Day”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 298  
IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY  
Psalm 100

Praise the Lord, Be Joyful K. 243  
From *Litaniae de venerabilatariis sacramento*  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

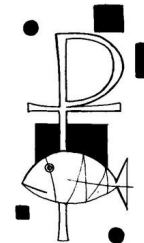
✦ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major BWV 553  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



**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. Everyone is invited to join them! **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 in our sanctuary today** are given by Kenneth Russell to the glory of God and in thanks for his St. Luke's Family.

**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.

**Jazz Communion on July 2nd: Next Sunday** The Marvin Gaspard Trio returns for the 22nd year of Jazz Communion. You will be tappin' and clappin' to the Trio's jazzy tunes and enjoy familiar hymns. Our special guest minister will be Rev. Dr. Bill Wade, St. Luke's Parish Associate. **Our All American "Picnic" Lunch** is back this year too! There will be hotdogs with all the trimmings along with salads and desserts. Next Sunday would be a perfect time to invite a friend to join you for worship at Jazz Communion, a 4th of July tradition at St. Luke's.

**Monthly Birthday Celebration:** Celebrate June birthdays with your St. Luke's family during Fellowship Time today. The birthday cake is on us! If your birthday is this month, remember the Birthday Gift Fund and celebrate God's blessings in your life with a birthday gift to St. Luke's.

**Calling all CCSC Back To School Friends!** \$75 provides a back to school student with school supplies, a backpack and a clothing/shoe gift card. The cost has increased from last year to provide an enhanced package, increasing the clothing/shoe gift card from \$30 to \$50 and providing a high-quality backpack. Donations of any amount are appreciated—each dollar will help serve a child in need. Give online at [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org) or make your check payable to St. Luke's and place it in the collection plate. Please note "Back to School" on the notation line.