

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL HELP THE MOST

MOST NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

- Hearty soups
- Peanut butter
- Boxed dry cereal
- Pasta sauce
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned fruit (all types)
- Canned vegetables (all types)
- Ready-to-eat food (cereal bars, Vienna sausage, etc.)

OTHER REQUESTED ITEMS:

- Baby food or formula
- Dry pasta/macaroni and cheese
- Toilet paper
- Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Bar soap
- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6)

In Response to God Activities for the week of July 23, 2023

Lectionary: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans:8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday	July 23	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	July 24	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	July 25	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection
Wednesday	July 26	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	July 27	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	July 28	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	July 29	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	July 30	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
5th Sunday		
CCSC Food Collection		

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

July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

PRELUDE

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision
Irish melody, arr. Rhett Barnhill

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠ OPENING HYMN 343

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

CONFESSON OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 14)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

VOLUNTARY

Amanda Thorp, pianist

In Christ Alone
Stuart Townend/Keith Getty
Arr. Lloyd Larson

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“A Well Tended Garden”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN OF RESPONSE 357

MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Laura Smith, harpist

Arioso from Cantata BWV 156
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Welsh folk melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard



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 after worship, 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 for fellowship and coffee at 9 a.m. in the Library during the summer. 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 the sanctuary today are given by Jeanne Leach to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Thalia Bunnell.

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. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Each dollar will help serve a child in need. Give online at www.ccschouston.org or make your check payable to St. Luke's, note that it is intended for Back to School, and place it in the collection plate.

Focus on Food is next Sunday: On the fifth Sundays of the year we are asking everyone make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for the CCSC Food Panty. *Focus on Food* is just another way to bring us all together on these special Sundays. A list of suggested items is on the back of this insert.

Our Chancel Choir is on a well deserved vacation for several weeks. During their absence, soloists, and guest musicians will be a part of worship. We appreciate our wonderful musicians.

CCSC's Azalea Gala and Auction is September 13: St. Luke's is hosting a table for ten at the Gala. If you would like to attend and help us sponsor the table, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know. Priority will be given to those who make a donation and want to attend. Go to CCSC's website at www.ccschouston.org/azalea to find out more. CCSC needs our guest list by August 14th.

Monthly Birthday Celebration Next Sunday: On the last Sunday of each month St. Luke's celebrates the birthdays for the month with birthday cake during fellowship after worship. 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.