

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of August 20, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

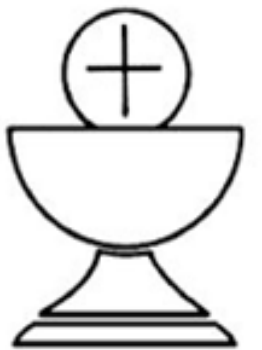
Sunday	August 20	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	August 21	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality
Tuesday	August 22	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am—2 pm– CCSC food collection
Wednesday	August 23	7 am-7:30 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 24	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	August 25	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 11:30 am – Longfellow Teacher Luncheon
Saturday	August 26	9 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 27	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Celebrate August Birthdays!

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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# The Order of Worship

August 20, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harp

Largo, from *Xerxes*

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 276

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People's Response: Thanks be to God

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 160)

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Bigger Than Us”

## 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 and Randall Bardin

You Are My Shepherd

John and Mary Giger

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 508

KINGDOM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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.**

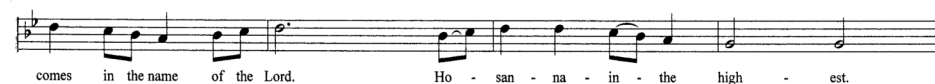
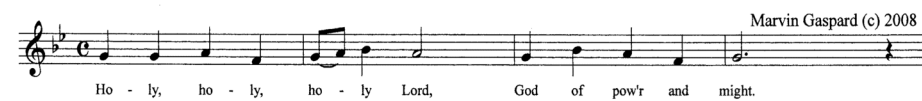
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus



COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

QUEBEC

Jesus, Thy Joy of Loving Hearts

Henry Baker, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

For Thine Is the Kingdom

From *The Lord's Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue sur les Jeux D'Anches

François Couperin (1668-1733)

**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. You may join by profession of faith, reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have any questions, speak to Rev. Harbison after worship.

**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 months. Everyone is invited to join them! During the summer **Our Youth Group** is meeting with the elementary class to help with Grace Bag assembly. Our Youth will begin meeting in Room 129 on September 10.

**CCSC's Azalea Gala 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. Speak to Rev. Harbison for more information.

**Spirits & Spirituality:** Join Rev. Harbison tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. for our next meeting of Spirits & Spirituality at The Hobbit Café, 2243 Richmond. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and lively discussion of theology and spirituality over a meal with your St. Luke's family. Sign up today to let us know you will attend.

**Today's Communion Voluntary** is “Jesus, Thy Joy of Loving Hearts”. If you wish to view the lyrics during your mediation, please turn to Hymn 510 in your hymnal.

**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.

**The 16th annual Longfellow Luncheon** is Friday, August 25th. St. Luke's will provide a pizza lunch at the school for teachers and staff at 11:30 a.m. We are collecting \$10-\$20 gift cards for door prizes, candy bars for a take away treat, and school supplies for the teacher's classrooms, (no glue or glue sticks please). You can drop off donations off today or during the week. Speak to Rev. Harbison or Lisa Simmons for more info.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** was established to help provide special instrumental and vocal guests throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Tax deductible gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, and special milestone events. You may make your check payable to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and include “Friends of Music” on the memo line. For more information contact Marvin Gaspard at [mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net) or 713.667.6531 ext.103.

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