

In Response to God
Activities for the week of August 27, 2023

Lectionary: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124:1-8; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday	August 27	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Celebrate August birthdays
Monday	August 28	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 29	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Drive Thru food collection
Wednesday	August 30	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 31	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	September 1	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 2	9 am –6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 3	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

Pastor The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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The Order of Worship

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harp

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Robert Jackson, arr. Karl Wienand

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 210

ST. ANNE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 18)

Matthew 16:13-20

VOLUNTARY

Jadon Campos, soloist

O Rest in the Lord

From *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn (1808-1847)

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Don’t Tell a Soul”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 335

O WALY WALY

Though I May Speak

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Ensemble

Dona Nobis Pacem

From *Missa Solemnis* K. 139

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

TALLIS’ CANON

Go With Us, Lord

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

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. 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 on September 10 in Room 129.

Ensemble: Jadon Campos, Ann Guercio, Amanda Thorp, Nathan Thorp, and Carol Wilson.

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. Speak to Rev. Harbison for more information.

Strength Training is coming to St. Luke’s beginning September 19: The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary, led by Jeanne Leach. Strength training helps with balance, coordination, bone density, and overall health. The program uses free weights and a chair for each person. Jeanne has been leading strength training classes for 18 years. Pick up a flyer in the narthex with all the details. Contact Jeanne if you will be attending or have any questions (713.409.0997).

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 choir will return to the loft on September 17th.

Christmas is only 120 days away! Let’s plan ahead and make our Christmas Eve service very special. As always, we will have a concert prior to our Christmas Eve service. If you would like to participate, please call Marvin at 832.640.3514 or email to mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!

Celebrate August Birthdays today with your St. Luke’s family and a slice of birthday cake. 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.

Our Sanctuary flowers: Select the Sunday of your choice to celebrate a person or event and sign up on the calendar in the Cookie Room. Please use the envelopes at the calendar to enclose your check and indicate how to acknowledge your gift in the bulletin. Two large bouquets are \$112.