

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of September 3, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 3:a-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday	September 3	9:00 am – Children's Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	September 4 Labor Day Holiday	Church Office Closed 7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 5	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 7 pm –
Wednesday	September 6	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 7	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	September 8	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 9	7:30 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:30 pm – Piano/Cello concert
Sunday	September 10	9:00 am – Church School resumes/AllAges 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Save the date:	September 15	7:00 pm – Monarch Players

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

September 3, 2023

FOURTEENTH 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 285                      God, You Spin the Whirling Planets  
AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 162)                      Romans 12:9-21

REFLECTION ON THE WORD                      Rev. Margaret Desmond  
“The Quote on My Wall”

## 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  
Ann Guercio and Jadon Campos

Be Thou My Vision  
Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Tom Fettke

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 504                      Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether  
UNION SEMINARY

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.**

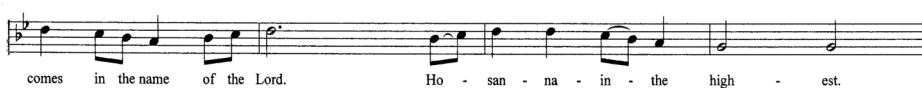
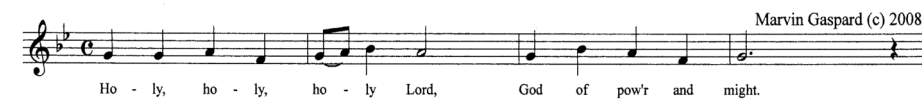
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus



THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY                      More Love to Thee, O Christ  
Ann Guercio and Carol Wilson                      Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

✦ PEOPLE’S RESPONSE                      For Thine Is the Kingdom  
From *The Lord’s Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE\*                      Earth and All Stars  
DEXTER                      David N. Johnson (1922-1978), 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.

**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. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. On September 10th David Elledge will begin a study of Philippians. **Our Youth Group** will begin meeting on September 10th in Room 129.

**We welcome Rev. Margaret Desmond** as our guest minister this morning. Rev. Desmond is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who has served churches in the Mid-West and Southeast Texas. She grew up here at St. Luke’s church. Happy is she to worship with you this morning!

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning** are given by David and Loretta Elledge to the glory of God and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

**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. 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 you have any questions (713.409.0997).

**Monarch Players** will kick-off begin their fall season at St. Luke’s on September 15th at 7 p.m. Doug DeVries (flute), Dave Connor (bass), and Yvonne Chen (piano) have a riveting performance planned for you, with repertoire ranging from traditional classical fare by Bach and Brahms to jazzy favorites by Gershwin and Bolling.

**Our Chancel Choir** is on a well deserved vacation. The choir will return to the loft on September 17th.

**The Men’s Lunch Bunch** will meet Tuesday, September 19th at Bayou City Seafood & Pasta, 4712 Richmond from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know you are coming. Call Steve Hurysz for more information (713.876.5486).

**\*The lyrics to today’s Postlude, “Earth and All Stars”** may be found in your hymnal . If you wish to view them, please turn to page 458.