

In Response to God
Activities for the week of September 10, 2023

Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday	September 10	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	September 11	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 12	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Drive Thru food collection 7 pm – Session Meeting
Wednesday	September 13	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 14	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	September 15	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7 pm – Monarch Chamber Players
Saturday	September 16	9 am –6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 17	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship/Youth Sunday 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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The Order of Worship

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Sarah Bunk, flute & Laura Smith, harp

La Paloma

Sebastián Yradier (1809-1865)

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 361

FOUNDATION

How Firm a Foundation

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 20)

Matthew 18:15-20

VOLUNTARY

There is a Balm in Gilead
American Spiritual, arr. Daniel Burton

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Partners in Crime”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 379

SOLID ROCK

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

Amanda Thorp, piano

Polonaise in G Minor

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

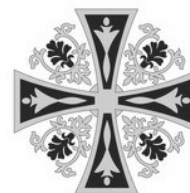
✦ DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Danse Orientale
Pierre Beauchant (1631-1705), arr. Carlos Salzedo (1885-1961)



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. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. Today the class began a study of Philippians. **Our Youth Group** is now meeting on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room 129.

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 and use the sign up sheet to let us know you would like to attend. Contact Jeanne if you have any questions (713.409.0997).

Monarch Players will kick-off their fall season at St. Luke’s on Friday, 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.

Today’s pianist is Amanda Thorp. Amanda grew up in Maryland and moved to Texas in middle school. She received a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Houston and her Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction through the University of Texas at Arlington. She teaches math at Dawson High School in Pearland and tutors and teaches piano on the side. She is also a member of our Chancel Choir. Thank you, Amanda, for sharing your gifts with us today!

Our Chancel Choir will return next Sunday after their well-deserved vacation. A special thanks to the wonderful instrumentalists and vocalists who provided music during their absence. St. Luke’s is fortunate to have such dedicated and gifted musicians!

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).

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.