

In Response to God
Activities for the week of October 1, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday	October 1	9:00 am –	Church School
World Communion Sunday		10:00 am –	Worship
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments
		2:00 pm –	Dedication of Petrof Piano
Monday	October 2	3 pm -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4:00 pm –	Strength Training Class
		6:30 pm –	Spirits & Spirituality at Hobbit Café
Tuesday	October 3	3 pm -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm –	CCSC food collection
Wednesday	October 4	3 pm -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 5	3 pm -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4:00 pm –	Strength Training Class
Friday	October 6	3 pm -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	October 7	7:30 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 8	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship
		11:00 am –	Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

PRELUDE

Amanda Thorp, piano

Sonata, K. 329

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Based on JERUSALEM

And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord

C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918),
arr. Fred Bock (1939-1998)

✦ OPENING HYMN 220

OLD HUNDREDDTH

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p 23)

Matthew 21:23-32

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Mixed Neighborhood”

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

Based on WEISSE FLAGGEN

When the Morning Stars Together

Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 507

DOVE OF PEACE

I Come with Joy

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

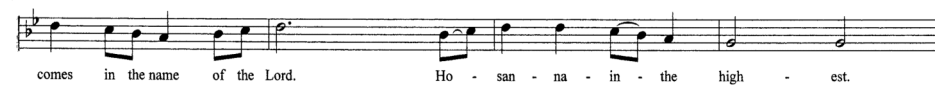
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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...



THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

From *Messe à trois Voix*, Op. 12

Panis Angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890), arr. Marvin Gaspard

“The bread of angels becomes the bread of humankind.

The heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.

O marvelous and wondrous sacraments:

The poor one, the servant and the humble all partake of the Lord.”

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

O FILII ET FILIAE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

15th century French tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

Let the Song Go Round the Earth

Buryl Red (1936-2013), 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. David Elledge is leading a study of Philippians. **Our Youth Group** will be meeting every two weeks. They will meet again on October 8 in room #129.

World Communion Sunday: Today we will share communion together with Christians around the world and celebrate our oneness in Christ. The flags were installed this week to represent the nations of the world, the heritage of our denomination, and the diversity of our worshiping family. They will remain in the sanctuary until the first Sunday of Advent.

Spirits & Spirituality: Join Rev. Harbison tomorrow night 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.

Petrof Dedication Today: Our church has received a beautiful Petrof grand piano from the family of Dorothy Murphey, longtime member of St. Luke’s. We will be dedicating the piano in a recital today at 2:00 p.m. in the choir loft. Mr. Ben Sieben, noted Houston pianist, will be performing works by Mozart, Bach, Messiaen, Poulenc, Scriabin, and even some Gershwin in a wonderful program commemorating this generous gift to our church. Following the recital, please join us for a Viennese-style reception in the choir room. We hope you come and enjoy a special afternoon of piano music!

Our very own Jadon Campos will be presenting his Senior Recital today from 8-9 p.m. at the Dudley Recital Hall at UH, adjacent to the Moores School of Music. There will also be a Livestream on Facebook for all those who can’t attend in person. A link to the Livestream was in the Wednesday Word this week. Jadon is excited to be performing many well known art songs in English, Italian, German, and French from a long list of well known composers including Mozart, Handel, Vaughan Williams, and many others. This is a free event so come out and enjoy!

Today’s Offertory, *When the Morning Stars Together*, was commissioned by St. Luke’s to commemorate our church family’s return to in-person worship in 2021. Alfred V. Fedak, our friend and acclaimed composer, set the hymn tune, WEISSE FLAGGEN, Cologne, 1741, to a text published in the 1966 Oxford University Press, by Albert F. Bayly. This hymn may be found in your hymnal on page 486. The dedication reads: *In thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness in time of crisis and fear, Commissioned by St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Rev. Scott Harbison, Pastor; Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music.*

Donations for Grace Bags: The supply shelves need to be restocked! We need the following items to fill the bags: peanut butter or cheese crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, and small waters. Thank you!