

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**

**A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL HELP THE MOST**

**MOST NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:**

- Hearty soups
- Peanut butter
- Boxed dry cereal
- Pasta sauce
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Canned fruit (all types)
- Canned vegetables (all types)
- Ready-to-eat food (cereal bars, Vienna sausage, etc.)

**OTHER REQUESTED ITEMS:**

- Baby food or formula
- Dry pasta/macaroni and cheese
- Toilet paper
- Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags)
- Bar soap
- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6)

**In Response to God  
Activities for the week of October 15, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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| Sunday    | October 15 | 9:00 am – Church School<br>10:00 am – Worship<br>11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal                                    |
| Monday    | October 16 | 3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy   |
| Tuesday   | October 17 | 3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy<br>10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection<br>4-5 pm – Strength Training Class  |
| Wednesday | October 18 | 3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy   |
| Thursday  | October 19 | 3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy<br>4-5 pm – Strength Training Class   |
| Friday    | October 20 | 3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy   |
| Saturday  | October 21 | 3 pm- 5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy   |
| Sunday    | October 22 | 9:00 am – Church School<br>10:00 am – Worship<br>11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm – Piano & Cello Concert |

**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

October 15, 2023

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## A SERVICE OF PSALMS AND HYMNS

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

TOLLING

PRELUDE                                      The Swan, from *Carnival of the Animals*  
Laura Smith, harp & Micah Sanders, cello                      Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 138                      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
NICAEA

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT 498)                                      Psalm 19  
Chaplain Jim Mayer

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

VOLUNTARY                                      Be Still, My Soul  
FINLANDIA                                      Jean Sibelius (1865-1957), arr. Craig Courtney

✦ 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

✦ HYMN 376                                      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
HYFRYDOL

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                                      Shout to God  
From Psalm 47                                      Joseph M. Martin

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 514                                      Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ  
LINSTEAD

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.

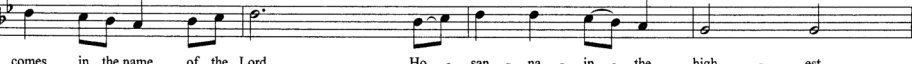
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus  
Marvin Gaspard (c) 2008  
  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in - the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY                                      In Remembrance  
Buryl Red (1936-2013), Ragan Courtney

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE                                      O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!  
O FILII ET FILIAE                                      15th c. French Tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
ST. DENIO                                      Welsh folk melody, 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. Speak to Rev. Harbison if you have any questions.

**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** is now meeting on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room 129. The next meeting is October 22nd.

**Our Guest Officiant today is Chaplain Jim Mayer.** Jim is a member of St. Luke's, a Certified Lay Pastor, and currently serves as Hospice Chaplain for Vitas Hospice Care. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church and formerly a member of our session. Thank you, Jim, for serving today while Rev. Harbison is out of town.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Eleanor's 12th birthday by her parents and little sister.

**Our guest today is cellist, Micah Sanders.** Originally from the Los Angeles area, Micah began playing violin at the age of 12, and added the cello a few years later. He graduated from Wheaton College in 2020 with a Bachelor of Music degree in cello performance and has since performed with numerous regional orchestras and chamber ensembles. While performing in New York, he met a wonderful flutist, Lauren, and they were recently married in California. He is currently enrolled in an accelerated nursing program at the University of St. Thomas, and he is passionate about holistically incorporating the healing power of music into his future work as a critical care nurse. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Micah, and welcome to St. Luke's!

**Piano and Cello Concert at St. Luke's:** 2023 marks the 150th anniversary of Sergei Rachmaninoff's birthday. Celebrations have been held internationally to mark the occasion. One of the most widely performed composers of the 20th century, he is well known for his lyrical melodies and romantic style. Hasmik Vardanyan (cello) and Xuefei Liu (piano) will perform his works at St. Luke's on October 22 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

**Focus on Food October 29:** On the fifth Sundays of the year we are asking everyone to bring non-perishable items to add to the CCSC collection basket in the Narthex. *Focus on Food* is just another way to bring us all together on these special Sundays to fill CCSC's pantry shelves. A list of suggested items is on the back of this insert.

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, October 19:** Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the evening meal. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997).