

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of March 10, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; 1 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Sunday	March 10	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 11	7:30 am -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 12	7:30 am -7 pm – 10 am-2 pm – 4:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection Strength Training Class
Wednesday	March 13	7:30 am -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 14	7:30 am -7 pm – 4:00 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	March 15	7:30 am -7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 16	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 17	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	March 28	7:00 pm –	Maundy Thursday Service
	March 29	7:00 pm –	Good Friday Service
	March 30	11:00 am –	Easter Egg Hunt
	March 31	10:00 am –	Easter Sunday

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
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Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

PRELUDE

Benji Suljic, violin

Prelude in C

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 179

CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN

God Is My Strong Salvation

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572

Please join the choir in singing

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 192)

Reading today, Ed Nicklas

1 Ephesians 2:1-10

ANTHEM

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 94)

John 3:14-21

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Rich Man, Poor Man”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 357 MARYTON

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 161

OFFERTORY Ensemble

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Glenn L. Rudolph

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ PRAYER

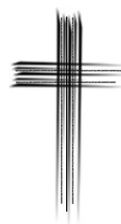
✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior
Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor BWV 558
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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. 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 and is currently studying the Gospel of Luke. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. Their next meeting is March 17th.

Today's flowers are given by Jeanne Leach to the glory of God and to celebrate the marriage of her son Michael to Cathryn Yarbrough on March 9, 2024, in Helotes, Texas.

Today's musical guest is Benji Suljic, a 14-year-old virtuoso violinist of Bosnian and Colombian descent. He is a freshman at Tomball Star Academy, has been playing violin since the first grade, and currently studies violin with Arutyun Piloyan at Rice University's Shepherd School of Music. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us today, Benji, and welcome to St. Luke's!

Ensemble Members: Janet Bardin, Randall Bardin, Jadon Campos, Ann Guercio, and Carol Wilson.

Lenten Devotionals, *Hope's Lament*, are available in the Narthex today. The devotions contain reflections for each Wednesday in Lent, written by faculty and Austin Seminary graduates. A new feature this year is a QR code that links you to video or music appropriate to the day's devotional. Pick up your copy today to guide you through your Lenten journey.

Refreshments and Fellowship after worship are long standing traditions at St. Luke's, giving us an opportunity to get acquainted and share church and family news. If you are visiting St. Luke's, please join us after worship in Room #123 and discover one of St. Luke's greatest assets . . . the warm friendliness of our church family.

St. Luke's will assist Montrose Street Reach with their monthly meal for the homeless in the Montrose area on Thursday, March 21. We contribute the desserts to the meal and our homemade desserts are always appreciated. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997).

FRIENDS OF MUSIC was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net.
