

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of March 17, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Sunday	March 17	9:00 am – Church School & Youth Group 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 18	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 19	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	March 20	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 21	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class 6:30 pm – Montrose Street Reach
Friday	March 22	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 23	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday Palm Sunday	March 24	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal Workday on church grounds
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
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
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The Order of Worship

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FIFTH 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

Laura Smith, harp

Adagio

George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

WELCOME

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 (OT p. 735)

Reading today, Marty Moore

Jeremiah 31:31-34

ANTHEM

From Psalm 51

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

C. F. Mueller (1892-1982)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 114)

John 12:20-33

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Good Old Days”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 76

LOVE UNKNOWN

My Song Is Love Unknown

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

ROCKINGHAM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

From *Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783

Arr. Robert H. Young (1923-2011)

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦PRAYER

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

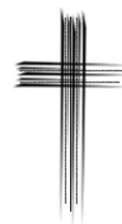
✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Based on CRUCIFER

Postlude on *Lift High the Cross*

Sidney Nicholson, arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)



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.

Volunteers Welcome! The Session has scheduled a congregational work day after worship on Sunday, March 24th to prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt the following Saturday before Easter Sunday. We will be cleaning up our yards, trimming overgrowth, pulling out weeds and spreading mulch. Wear your work clothes to church and bring tools such as rakes, shovels, clippers, hand tools, gloves, and a stool to sit on if needed. Lunch will be provided! For more information speak to Marcus Dees or Ed Dickinson.

Preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt: On Maundy Thursday volunteers will meet from 5-6:30 p.m. to assemble bags of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. The Maundy Thursday worship service will follow at 7:00 p.m.

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).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday March 24, 10 a.m.	Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.
Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 p.m.	A service of communion and reflection in remembrance of the Last Supper
Good Friday March 29, 7 p.m.	A Tenebrae Service of Darkness Journey with Christ through the final hours.
Easter Egg Hunt March 30, 11 a.m.	Bring your Easter basket and join the fun! For children age 10 or younger
Easter Sunday March 31, 10 a.m.	Celebrate the Risen Lord! Music by St. Luke's Choir & Hnadbbells