

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of April 7, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 3; 1 John 2:2, John 20:19-31

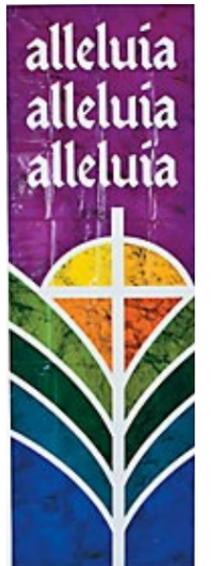
Sunday	April 7	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	April 8	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 9	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class 7:00 pm – Session Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday	April 10	7 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 11	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	April 12	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 13	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 14	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm – Vitas Memorial Service
Save the date:	May 11	10 am-2 pm – Shred Day at St. Luke's

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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 April 7, 2024

The Order of Worship

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Pastorale
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 238)

Reading today, Ed Nicklas

1 John 1:1-2:2

ANTHEM

Janet Bardin & Alana Glover

He Shall Feed His Flock
From *Messiah*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 114)

John 20:19-31

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. Lauren Suba

“He’s Back!”

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
15th c. melody, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 514

LINSTEAD

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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...



COMMUNION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Southern Harmony, 1835, arr. Daniel Burton

✦ CLOSING HYMN 122

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine Is the Glory

✦ BENEDECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
15th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major BWV 553
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.

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.

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God by the Dickinson family and in appreciation and thanksgiving for the staff and musicians of St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church.

Today’s Guest Minister, Rev. Lauren Suba, holds a BA from Hood College in Maryland, an MBA from Thunderbird in Arizona and a MDiv from Austin Seminary. A call to solo pastor St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Houston set the space for Lauren to sharpen her preaching skills and dive into the work of presiding at worship. She is committed to the persistent gift given to us by God to be co-creators in this thing called life and celebrates all that life offers. Lauren and her husband, Lad, have been married for 35 years. Their son Daniel and his wife Madeline live in NYC with their dog Ziggy. Thank you, Rev. Suba for filling the pulpit today while Rev. Harbison is out of town.

For over 35 years These Days has provided daily meditations and devotions wonderfully written by clergy and lay leaders. This Presbyterian publication continues to be the source of comfort and hope throughout the world. You can pick up the latest issue (April-June) from the literature rack.

CCSC’s annual Azalea Gala will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston. The Gala will honor Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor, St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. The evening will include an auction, wine pull, and dinner. St. Luke’s is hosting a table for 10. If you would like to attend and make a donation to help sponsor the table, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know. For more information, speak to Rev. Harbison

Shred Day is back! Texas Security Shredding will be on site Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to accept paper and small electronics. A donation of \$10 is suggested. We are also collecting non-perishable items for the food pantries at Christian Community Service Center. We need a few volunteers to direct traffic and collection donations. If you can help, please speak to Patti Ernst or call the church office (713.667.6531).
