

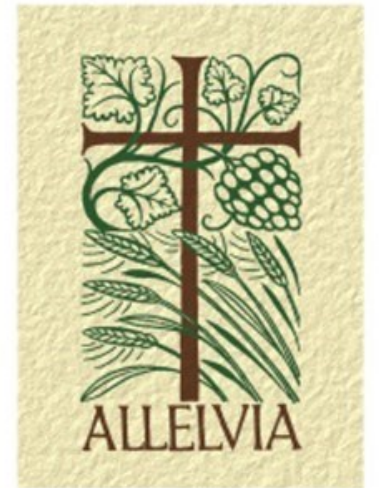
In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of April 21, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Sunday	April 21	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	April 22	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4- 9 pm – Rehearsal & Recording (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	April 23	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	April 24	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 25	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	April 26	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 27	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 28	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	May 23	11 am-1 pm – Men's Lunch Bunch
	May 11	10 am-1 pm – Shred Day at St. Luke's

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor .....The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Lauren Suba  
 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

April 21, 2024

## FOURTH 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

Laura Smith, harp

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles, (1868-1946), arr. Louise Trotter

#### WELCOME

#### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ✦ OPENING HYMN 416

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

\*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 240)

Reading today, Adult Sunday School Class

1 John 3:16-24

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 121)

Acts 4:5-12

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Rustic Wood”

### 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

The Strife is O’er  
Giovani Pierluigi da Palestrina (1526-1594)  
Arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

#### ✦ DOXOLOGY 592

#### ✦ COMMUNION HYMN 508

KINGDOM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

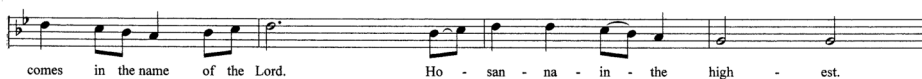
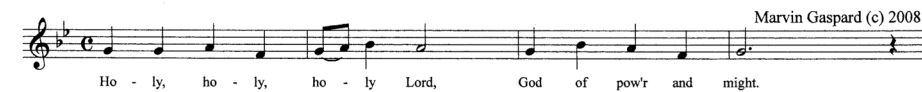
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

Alana Glover, soprano

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

#### BENEDICTION

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

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

#### POSTLUDE

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  
Stralsund *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665  
Arr. Fred Swann, (1931-2022)

**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 Colossians. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

**The flowers this morning** are given to the glory of God by the Jacoby Family and in loving memory of Diane Malone, mother, grandmother, sister and daughter.

\***The text of today’s opening hymn** is familiar, however, we are singing it to an alternate hymn tune, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

**New Parish Associate!** We welcome Rev. Laureen Suba as St. Luke’s newest Parish Associate. Rev. Suba served as our guest minister on April 7th. She holds a BA from Hood College in Maryland, an MBA from Thunderbird in Arizona and a MDiv from Austin Seminary. A 30-year banking career ending with JPMorgan, sent her to Wall Street. She was a trustee for 9 years at Texas Presbyterian Foundation. A call to solo pastor St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Houston set the space for her to sharpen her preaching skills and dive into the work of presiding at worship. Retirement meant saying goodbye to St. Stephen but hello to CREDO faculty at the Board of Pensions, pulpit supply and Presbytery work with COE. She currently embraces the spiritual practices of Tai Chi, and folding origami as ways to declutter the chaos of the world and to see the heart of God. Laureen has been married to Lad for 35 years. Their son, Daniel, and his wife, Madeline, live in NYC with their dog Ziggy.

**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 collect donations. If you can help, sign up in the narthex.

**Save the Date: The Men’s Lunch Bunch** will meet Tuesday, May 23, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Add the Lunch Bunch to your calendar. The restaurant destination will be announced soon.

**Cookie Time:** We all enjoy our fellowship time after worship and of course our cookie time too. With that being said, please consider signing up to provide refreshments on a Sunday convenient for you. The sign up sheet is ... in the Cookie Room!