In Response to God

Activities for the Week of July 6, 2025

Today's Lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Ps. 30:1-12; Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday	July 06	9:00 am 10:00 am	Church School Worship Service
Monday	July 07	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	July 08	3-7 pm 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	July 09	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	July 10	3-7 pm 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	July 11	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	July 12	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	July 13	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison			
Parish Associate	The Rev. Laureen Suba			
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade			
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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church July 6, 2025

The Order of Worship

July 6, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Laura Smith, harp Dance of The Blessed Spirits Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1787)

♦WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

♦OPENING HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 191) Reading today, Ed Dickinson Gal 6:1-16

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 71)

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"The Art of Forgiveness"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†APOSTLE'S CREED

Hymnal p. 14 (Traditional)

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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

OFFERTORY Ugo Obudulu, soloist We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Samuel McFarland, arr. Marvin Gaspard

♦DOXOLOGY 592

†HYMN OF PREPERATION 505 Be F ST. FLAVIAN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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...







DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS Ann Guercio, soloist

How Beautiful Twyla Paris

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 536 Verse 1 Lord, Make Us More Holy

†BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ITALIAN HYMN Come, Thou Almighty King Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), 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. Speak to Rev. Harbison after worship if you have any questions.

Children's Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Rm 115 with Don Mims. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. **Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Harbison leading the group.

Adult Sunday School: Will be starting a new study and discussion based on Wm. Barclay's book, "Love. What the Bible Tells Us About Christian Love." You are invited to join the class 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 these verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of McKenzie Simmons and Kilian Stallworth for their birthdays and for all the joy they bring to our lives by John and Lisa Simmons.

The Montrose Street Reach The upcoming service date is July 17. Please let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Grace Bags: St. Luke's is asking for supplies for grace bags. Please consider donating: 8 oz. bottles of water, peanut butter crackers, juice packs, granola bars, fruit cups, and/or Vienna sausages. Please contact the assistant to the pastor for more information.

The Flower Calendar: If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar in the Cookie Room. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). Subscribe to be notified of new uploads.

Chancel Choir is officially on vacation! We appreciate the dedication and commitment of our choir and look forward to their return to the loft on Sunday August 17th! During their absence, soloists, ensembles, and guest musicians will be a part of worship.

Men's Lunch! The men of the church will be meeting at Chang's Chinese Restaurant at 11:15am on Tuesday July 8th. We would love to see our St. Luke's men and friends for fellowship, comradery, and good Chinese food. For more information please contact Steve Hurysz

Spirits and Spirituality: Join us for an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and dinner and participate in lively conversation on a topic of faith. Rev. Harbison will introduce a contemporary and timely topic and lead the discussion. On Tuesday, July 15th at 6:30pm, tentatively at Casa Dominguez

Waldrop's Baby Shower: Join us in celebrating God's gift of a baby boy on July 20th at cookie time. Congratulations to Kenna and Trey Waldrop!

†Please stand as you are able.