

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of July 27, 2025

Today’s Lectionary: Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85:1-13; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Sunday	July 27	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	July 28	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	July 29	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	July 30	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	July 31	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	August 1	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 2	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 3	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship

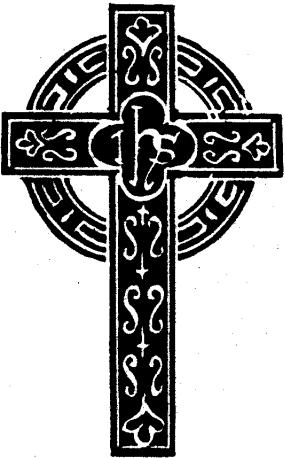
ST. LUKE’S STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate The Rev. Laureen Suba
Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin Gaspard
Business Manager Patti Ernst
Assistant to the PastorAlana Glover
Artists in Residence.....
..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith

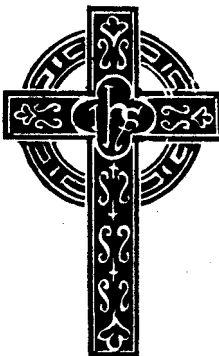


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The Order of Worship		RESPONDING TO THE WORD	
July 27, 2025			
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST			
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD			
PRELUDE	Gabriel’s Oboe from <i>The Mission</i>	HYMN OF RESPONSE 391	Take My Life
Katie Hart, oboe	Ennio Morricone (1928-2020), arr. Phillip Keveren	HENDON	
WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE		SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN	
		PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16	
OPENING HYMN 144	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	OFFERTORY	Adoration
HYFRYDOL		Katie Hart, oboe	Florence Price (1887-1953)
		Laura Smith, harp	arr. Alison E. Attar
		DOXOLOGY 592	
		PEOPLE’S RESPONSE 536	Lord Make Us More Holy
		Verse 2	
		BENEDICTION	
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		POSTLUDE	Triptic Dance
Congregation: Thanks Be to God.			Pierre Beauchant (1631-1705)
HEARING THE WORD			
SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 200)	Col 2:6-19		
Liturgist, Ed Nicklas			
VOLUNTARY	There Is a Balm in Gilead		
Gage Campos, soloist	African-American spiritual, arr. Marvin Gaspard		
SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 72)	Luke 11:1-13		
REFLECTION ON THE WORD	Rev. W. Scott Harbison		
“Happy Halloween and Other Musings”			

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.

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 John Simmons on his birthday, and for all he does for our family by Lisa Simmons.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **August 21**. 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.

Spirits & 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 topic and lead the discussion. Join us on Tuesday, **August 19th**.

Drop by the Cookie Room after worship today and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room. **Cookies today** are provided by Jeanne Leach.

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.

Our guest musician today is oboist, Katie Hart. Originally from Albany, NY, Katie earned her Bachelor’s of Music in 2014 at the Eastman School of Music, and her Master’s of Music in 2016 at Rice University, She has performed with numerous orchestras across the country and serves as oboist and Managing Director of Monarch Chamber Players. She is a core member of the Houston-based new music ensemble Loop 38 and maintains an active freelancing career and a sizable oboe studio. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Katie, and welcome to St. Luke’s!