

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of March 15, 2026

Today's Lectionary: 1 Sam. 16:1-13 and Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Sunday	March 15	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 16	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 17	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	March 18	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 19	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	March 20	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 21	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 22	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	March 24	6:30pm–	Spirits and Spirituality
	March 29	10:00am–	Fifth Sunday Food Focus
	April 3	7:00pm–	Good Friday Service
	April 4	10:30-12:00pm–	Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo
	April 5	10:00am–	Easter Sunday Service

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/Choirmaster .....Marvin Gaspard  
 Business Manager ..... Patti Ernst  
 Assistant to the Pastor .....Alana Glover  
 Artists in Residence .....  
 ..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith



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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church  
 March 15, 2026

# The Order of Worship

March 15, 2026

FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

✦ PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us  
*Kyrie* Please join the choir in singing

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 259) 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Liturgist, Ann Guercio

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 102) John 9:1-41

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. Lynn Hargrove

“Looking at the Heart”

## 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

OFFERTORY The Lord is my Shepherd  
Ann Guercio, soloist Psalm 23, Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
BRADBURY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

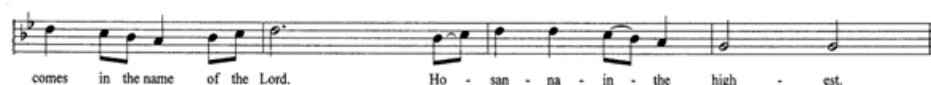
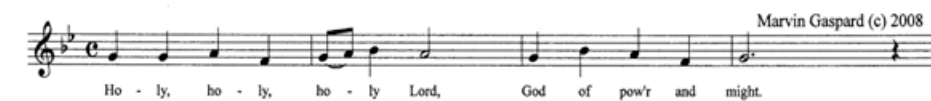
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

COMMUNION Song of the Wanderer  
Alana Glover, soloist Dan Forest

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE May the Grace of Christ Our Savior  
Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr, Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
John Hatton (1710-1793), 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.

**Sunday School: Children's Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. Pastor Scott Harbison teaches the Youth Group. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. The Adult Sunday School Class is continuing their study of the Old Testament prophets and their books in the Bible. You are invited to join us at 9 a.m. in library for a study of the prophets throughout 2026. Beginning Sunday, March 8, discussions will focus on chapters 1 through 39 of Isaiah. The study text for the class is “From Judgment to Hope” by Walter Brueggemann.

**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.

**Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of The Presbytery of New Covenant and its ministries with Houston and the surrounding area.

**Drop by the Cookie Room:** If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the board in the Cookie Room. **Cookies are provided by** Gloria Arcos and Pansy Meyer.

**The 2026 Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign ups** are posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, or cookies after worship, please choose a Sunday and add your name(s) to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for 2 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.

**Save the Date:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 4th 10:30am-12:00pm. Please fill out your bulletin insert to sign up to help! Check out the back of your bulletin for more important upcoming dates and events!

**Worship services on YouTube:** Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

**re:MIND Support Group:** re:MIND will be hosting a weekly group on Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30pm. Join re:Mind for support and community right here at St. Luke's!