

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 129) Acts 10:34-43
Liturgist, John Simmons

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 33) Matthew 28:1-10

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“It’s Counterintuitive”

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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Christus Vincit
Joseph Noyon (1888-1962)

*“Christ has conquered, Christ our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore.
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and forevermore, world without end. Amen.”*

DOXOLOGY 592

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 104 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
HYMN TO JOY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

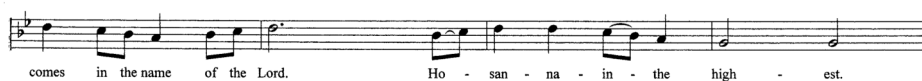
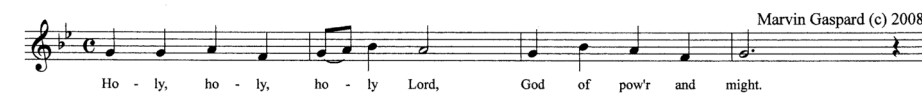
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 Alleluia! For Christ The Lord Is Risen
From *Anf schmetternde Töne* BWV 207a
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

✦ BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE O FILII ET FILIAE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
15th c. French tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

POSTLUDE Fantasy on *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
DIADEMATA George Elvy (1816-1893)
Arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

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 Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Rev. Harbison after today’s service or call the church office, 713.667.6531.

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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken today. OGHS supports relief efforts to eliminate hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. When making your donation, please make checks payable to St. Luke’s and note OGHS on the memo line.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of her 71st birthday by Lusarnie Hodgson.

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: 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.

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held following service next Sunday, April 12, for the purpose of electing a new session member.

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 from the literature rack today.

The Wednesday Word: Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter? Send your email address to alana@stlukespres.org and we will add you to the circulation list.

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!

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.

ALLELUIA

In Response to God Activities for the Week of April 5, 2026

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43 and Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday	April 5	9:00 am – 10:00 am –	Church School Easter Sunday Service
Monday	April 6	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 7	9-5pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	Office Closed Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	April 8	9-5pm – 3-7 pm –	Office Reopens Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 9	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	April 10	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 11	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 12	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Chancel Choir Rehearsal Refreshments and Fellowship
Save the date:	April 7 April 12	7:00pm– 11:00am–	In Person Session Meeting Brief Congregational Meeting

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
 Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin Gaspard
 Business Manager Patti Ernst
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