

In Response to God

Activities for the Week of April 19, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Sunday	April 19	9:00 am – 10:00 am –	Church School Worship Service
Monday	April 20	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 21	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	April 22	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	April 23	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	April 24	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	April 25	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	April 26	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	April 28	6:30pm–	Spirits and Spirituality
	April 30	11:00am–	Men's Lunch
	May 3	11:00am–	Good Friday Service
	May 12	7:00pm–	Zoom Session Meeting
	May 31	11:00am–	Fifth Sunday CCSC Food Bank Focus

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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The Order of Worship

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.
Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Prelude begins.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
ASSURANCE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 564) Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Liturgist, Bob Patterson

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 90) Luke 24:13-35

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner”

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

✦ DOXOLOGY

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

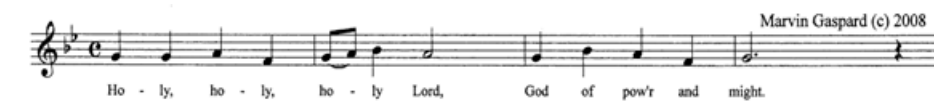
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

✦ PEOPLE’S RESPONSE For Thine Is the Kingdom
From *The Lord’s Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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. Beginning Sunday, April 12, discussions will focus on Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah and Habakuk. 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 by Luanne 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.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **May 21**. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Save the Date: Join us for our monthly Spirits and Spirituality on April 28th at Saltgrass Steak House and Men’s Lunch Bunch on April 30th! 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!

Leading worship today, are Randall Bardin and Alex Navarro. Our thanks to these gentlemen for their service while our choir is joining the Marvin Gaspard Trio for Jazz Communion at First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena.
