In Response to God

Activities for the Week of September 6, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Ex. 12:1-14 and Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt.18:15-20

Sunday	September 6	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 7	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 8	10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
		7 pm –	Zoom Session Meeting
Wednesday	September 9	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 10	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
Friday	September 11	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 12	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 13	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	September 8	7:00 pm–	Zoom Session Meeting

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The Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 — Melody from *Orfeo and Euridice*
Harry Chang, violin — Christoph Willibald Gluck (1714-1785)

✟WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✟OPENING HYMN 416 — Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 162) — Romans 13:8-14
Liturgist, Ed Dickinson

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 20) — Matthew 18:15-20

REFLECTION ON THE WORD — Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"The Discipline of Love"

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 — Be Still, My Soul
Amanda Thorp, piano — Based on FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius (1865-1957) Arr. J. B. Taylor
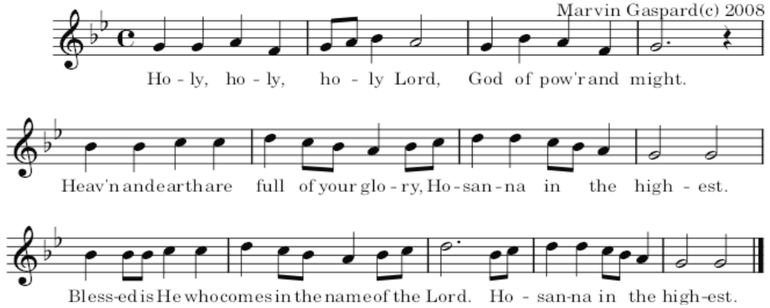
✟DOXOLOGY

✟HYMN OF PREPARATION 510 — Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
QUEBEC

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

COMMMUNION — In Remembrance
From *Celebrate Life* — Buryl Red (1936-2013) and Ragan Courtney

✟CHORAL RESPONSE — Amen from *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
John Rutter

✟BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — O God Beyond All Praising
Based on THAXTED — Gustav Holst (1874-1934), arr. Marvin Gaspard

✟Please stand as you are able.

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. The **Adult Sunday School class** enjoyed their fellowship time and break from study in August. Their study of the prophets is continuing with the study of Ezekiel, led by Ed Dickinson, during September. Come join us in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 a. m.

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 thanksgiving for our good friend Judy, by David and Loretta Elledge.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **September 17.** Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

Flower Calendar is posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, 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.

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.

Service Nursery will be provided with our affiliation with Redemption Church. All nursery attendants are background checked and professional. Please ask the usher for more information about this service.

Harry Chang is our musical guest today. He has shared his gifts with us several times, and we welcome him back to St. Luke's!