In Response to God

Activities for the Week of September 13, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Ex: 14:19-31 and Ps. 114 or Ex: 15:1b-11, 20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

Sunday	September 13	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 14	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 15	10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
		7 pm –	Zoom Session Meeting
Wednesday	September 16	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 17	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
Friday	September 18	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 19	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 20	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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The Order of Worship

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

✞WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✞OPENING HYMN 376 — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 163) — Romans 14:1-12
Liturgist, Ed Nicklas

ANTHEM — When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Alana Glover & Krish Muthukumar
Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
Arr. Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 20) — Matthew 18:21-35

REFLECTION ON THE WORD — Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"Never Enough"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✞HYMN OF RESPONSE 347 — Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
DETROIT

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY — Beautiful Savior
Janet Bardin, soloist
David Allen

✞DOXOLOGY 592

✞CHORAL RESPONSE — Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Helen H. Lemmel, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✞BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — Festal March
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

✞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 celebration of the birthday of Verna Bissong, by Jean Ortiz.

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** the Rajan Family.

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.