


In Response to God
Activities for the Week of April 28, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; Exodus 19:1-6; Psalm 118:19-25; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8


Sunday	April 28	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	April 29	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	April 30	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Wednesday	May 1	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 2	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training Class
Friday	May 3	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 4	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	May 5	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	May 11	10 am-1 pm –	Shred Day
	May 23	11 am-1 pm –	Men's Lunch Bunch

425-800 When the Morning Stars Together
SGB, organ, opt. cong. Bayly/Fedak

WHEN THE MORNING STARS TOGETHER



TEXT BY **ALBERT F. BAYLY** MUSIC BY **ALFRED V. FEDAK**



*In thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in time of crisis and fear,
Commissioned by St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.
Rev. Scott Harbison, Pastor; Marvin Gaspard, Director of Music.*

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The Order of Worship

April 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harpist

Simple Gifts

Shaker Melody, arr. Daniel Burton

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 241)

Reading today, Sharon Cooper

1 John 4:7-21

ANTHEM

My Master from a Garden Rose

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 127)

Acts 8:26-40

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“The Overcoming Power of Love”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 473

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 161

OFFERTORY

When the Morning Stars Together

EISSE FLAGGEN, *Tochter Zion*, Cologne, 1741

Arr. Alfred V. Fedak

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

15th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)



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 if you have any questions.

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.

Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library and is currently studying Colossians. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Laura Smith in honor of her daughter, June, whose brave journey is helping to pave the way for other members of the transgender community.

Today’s Offertory, *When the Morning Stars Together*, was commissioned by St. Luke’s to commemorate our church family’s return to in-person worship. Alfred V. Fedak, our friend and acclaimed composer, set the hymn tune, WEISSE FLAGGEN, Cologne, 1741, to a text published in the 1966 Oxford University Press by Albert F. Bayly. The back of this insert shows the beautiful cover and dedication of this special piece of music.

Texas Security Shredding will be on site Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to accept paper and small electronics. We are also collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry at Christian Community Service Center. We need a few volunteers to direct traffic and collect donations. If you can help, please use the sign up sheet in the Narthex to let us know. For more information speak to Patti Ernst or call the church office.

The Flower Calendar: If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

Save the Date: The Men’s Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, May 23, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Add the Lunch Bunch to your calendar. The restaurant destination will be announced soon.

Cookie Time: We all enjoy our fellowship time after worship and of course our cookie time too. With that being said, please consider signing up to provide refreshments on a Sunday convenient for you. The sign up sheet is in the Cookie Room!

If you have an April birthday, celebrate today with your St. Luke’s family. It’s tradition at St. Luke’s to celebrate monthly birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Remember the Birthday Gift Fund and celebrate God’s blessings in your life with a birthday gift to St. Luke’s.
