

In Response to God  
Activities for the Week of May 5, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Sunday	May 5	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3:00 pm – Student Piano Recital
Monday	May 6	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	May 7	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	May 8	7 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	May 9	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	May 10	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	May 11	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-1 pm – Shred Day
Sunday	May 12	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	May 20	6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality
	May 23	11 am-1 pm – Men's Lunch Bunch

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor .....The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
 Parish Associate.....The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade  
 Parish Associate.....The Rev. Lauren Suba  
 Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster .....Marvin Gaspard  
 Business Manager..... Patti Ernst  
 Assistant to Head of Staff.....Mary Ann White  
 Artists in Residence.....Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith




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# The Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

SIXTH 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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895), arr. Karl Wienand

### WELCOME

### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ✦ OPENING HYMN 485

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

## HEARING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 241)

Reading today, Dwight Hebbert

1 John 5:1-6

### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 109)

John 15:9-17

### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Chaplain Jim Mayer

“Love, taking it to the next level through friendship”

## 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.

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

Praise the Lord  
From *Judas Maccabees*  
Georg Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

### ✦ DOXOLOGY 592

### ✦ COMMUNION HYMN 403

CONVERSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

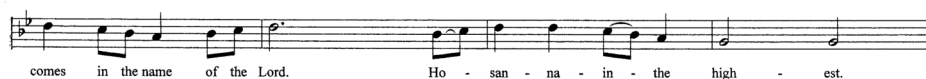
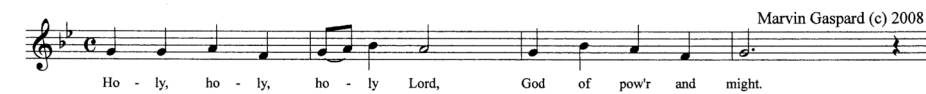
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

Come Down, O Love Divine  
DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Arr. P. R. Dietterich

### CHORAL RESPONSE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!  
15th c. French melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

### ✦ BENEDECTION

### POSTLUDE

Postlude on DUKE STREET  
John Hatton (1710-1793), arr. Marvin Gaspard

**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.

**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.

**Today’s flowers** are given to the glory of God by Linda Wiley and in celebration of the May birthdays of her sister, Bobette, and grandson, Noah (14).

**Shred Day is next Saturday:** Texas Security Shredding will be on site May 11th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to accept paper and small electronics. A donation of \$10 is suggested. We are also collecting non-perishable food items for Christian Community Service Center’s food pantry.

Raising Cane’s will be here providing lemonade and tea to our drive through guests. If you purchase a meal at the Raising Cane’s location at 9530 Main Street on Shred Day and mention our Shred Day fundraiser, Cane’s will donate 15% of each purchase to St. Luke’s and we will pass it on to CCSC.

We need volunteers to direct traffic and collect donations. If you can help, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex to let us know.

**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.

**Spirits & Spirituality:** Join Rev. Harbison on May 20th. for our next meeting of Spirits & Spirituality at Casa Dominguez, 5213 Cedar in Bellaire. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and lively discussion of theology over a meal with your St. Luke’s family. Sign up today to let us know you will attend.

**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!

**Join us after worship** for a special Cookie Time. Our Chancel Choir members are providing refreshments today for a special **Fiesta** to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.