

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of June 2, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday	June 2	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	June 3	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	June 4	3-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	June 5	7 am-6 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 6 pm – Timberside Circle Homeowners
Thursday	June 6	Houston Dragon Academy 4:00 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	June 7	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	June 8	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	June 9	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	July 7	10:00am – Jazz Communion

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
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The Order of Worship

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SECOND 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

PRELUDE
SLANE

Be Thou My Vision
Irish Hymn Tune, arr. Rhett Barnhill

WELCOME

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

God with outstretched arms,
although you lead us into freedom, joy and peace
we choose again and again the things that are against your will.

Forgive us, we pray,

When we covet the false gods of our time:

When we believe we have made ourselves.

Lord, you reveal to us that we are made by you, in your image—

We are the work of your hands.

Forgive us when we practice legalism against others and
yet expect exceptions for ourselves.

Forgive us when we rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf.

Lord, Heal us where we are broken,

whether in our bodies, our hearts, or in our faith.

Stretch us beyond what we have imagined,

stretch us and command us to live as you intend for us.

Let us take the time in the silence to lift to God our personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 162)
Today's reader: Lad Suba

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

SCRIPTURE READINGS (OT p. 2)
(NT p. 36)

Genesis 2:1-3
Mark 2:23-28

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. Lauren Suba

“It's not a suggestion”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦APOSTLE'S CREED (in unison) 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 Crown Him with Many Crowns
George J. Elvey (1816-1893), arr. Robert Sterling

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦COMMUNION HYMN 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
MARYTON

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

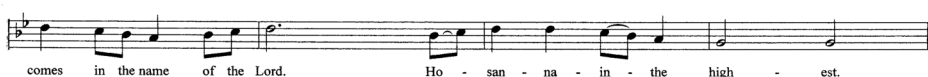
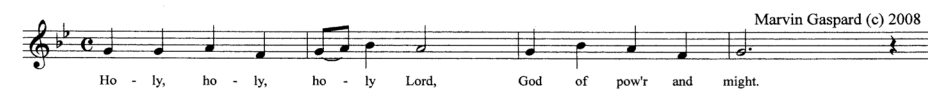
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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
From Psalm 139

Know My Heart
Benjamin Harlan

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

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on ST.DENIO
Welsh folk melody, 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. The class is beginning a study of Titus. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

Today's flowers are given by St. Luke's congregation, to the glory of God and in honor of The Rev. Lauren Suba, our recently named Parish Associate. Welcome Lauren and Lad to our church family!

July 7th is Jazz Communion! We began the tradition of celebrating Jazz Communion on July 4, 1999, 25 years ago! Since then it has become a favorite Sunday for our congregation. Please make plans to attend this toe-tappin', finger-snappin', hand-clappin' service with our choir and the Marvin Gaspard Trio. Remain after worship and enjoy our annual All American Picnic in the Cookie Room. We will enjoy a hot dog lunch with “all the trimmings” and yummy deserts from our church members.

Calling all CCSC Back To School Friends! In May over 4,000 low-income students signed up for CCSC's Back to School event scheduled for August 2-3. It takes \$75 to provide a student with brand-new school supplies, a backpack, and a clothing gift card. Donors are invited to support students at whatever amount they find comfortable—each dollar will help serve a child in need. Make your check payable to St. Luke's and place it in the collection plate. Please note “Back to School” on the notation line. Go to www.ccschouston.org to donate at their website.
