

## In Response to God Activities for the Week of July 21, 2024

Today's Lectionary: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:14-29

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| Sunday    | July 21 | 9:00 am – Church School<br>10:00 am – Worship Service<br>11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship  |
| Monday    | July 22 | 7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy  |
| Tuesday   | July 23 | 7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy<br>10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection<br>4 pm – Strength Training Class<br>6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality |
| Wednesday | July 24 | 7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy  |
| Thursday  | July 25 | 7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy<br>4 pm – Strength Training Class  |
| Friday    | July 26 | 7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy  |
| Saturday  | July 27 | 9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy   |
| Sunday    | July 28 | 9:00 am – Church School<br>10:00 am – Worship Service<br>11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship  |

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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| 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

July 21, 2024

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*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

Andante Cantabile  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### WELCOME

#### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
OLD HUNDREDDTH

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 192) Ephesians 2:11-121  
Reading today, Ed Nicklas

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 41) Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
“The Proper Use of Pronouns”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦ APOSTLE’S CREED (in unison)

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.

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 358  
Sung to AURELIA

Help Us Accept Each Other

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY  
Jadon Campos, baritone

O Rest in the Lord  
From *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

#### ✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
TRENTHAM

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

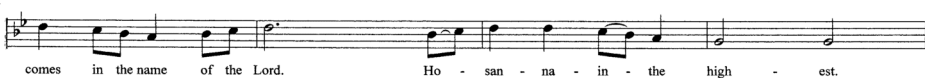
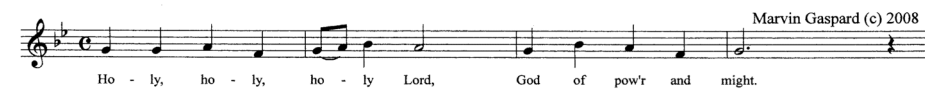
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

✦ PEOPLE’S RESPONSE For Thine is the Kingdom  
From *The Lord’s Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

#### ✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune  
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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**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** is taking a summer vacation from their studies, but will continue to meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today** are given by Jeanne Leach to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Thalia Bunnell.

**The Adult Sunday School Class** is taking a summer break. David Elledge completed a study of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy and will resume in the Fall with a study of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy. The class is continuing to meet for fellowship and coffee. You all are invited to join them in the Library.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our choir section leaders. Gifts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones, or in celebration of anniversaries, birthdays, and special milestone events. For more information, contact Marvin Gaspard at [mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjgaspard@sbcglobal.net).

**Spirits & Spirituality has a new meeting date in July:** Spirits and Spirituality usually meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Dominguez in Bellaire. It’s a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion of Rev. Harbison’s topic for the evening. This month we will meet on Tuesday, July 23rd, location and time remain the same. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex or you can call the church office to RSVP.

**Session Members:** Our monthly session meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, July 30. Please plan on attending.

**Our 17th annual Longfellow Luncheon is on Friday, August 9th.** St. Luke’s will provide lunch from Cane’s for teachers and staff at 11:30 a.m. We are collecting \$10-\$20 gift cards for door prizes, candy bars for a take away treat, and school supplies (no glue or glue sticks please). A teacher wish list will be available next week. You can drop off donations on Sunday morning or during the week. Speak to Rev. Harbison or Lisa Simmons for more info.

**Our Chancel Choir** is on a well deserved vacation for several weeks. During their absence, soloists, and guest musicians will be a part of worship. We appreciate our wonderful musicians.

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