

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

Today's Lectionary: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

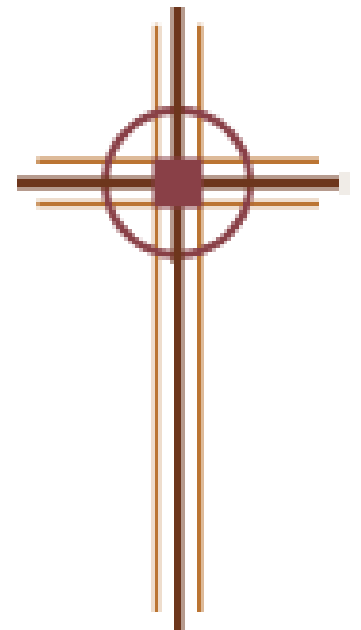
Sunday	July 28	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Celebrate July birthdays!
Monday	July 29	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	July 30	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class 7 pm – Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	July 31	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 1	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	August 2	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 3	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 4	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 28, 2024

The Order of Worship

July 28, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Going Home
From *New World Symphony*, Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904)

WELCOME

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p.189)

Today's Reader: Kenneth Russell

Ephesians 3:14-21

VOLUNTARY

Mary Dickinson, soprano

Be Thou My Vision
Irish Ballad

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 284)

2 Samuel 11:1-15

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Unsurpassing Love”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 333

LAFFERTY

Seek Ye First

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY

Micah Sanders, cellist

Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian folk melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ PRAYER

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Verse 1

Lord, Make Us More Holy
African American spiritual

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts
Shaker melody, arr. Daniel Burton



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

The Adult Sunday School Class is taking a summer break. David Elledge completed a study of 1st Timothy and will resume in the Fall with a study of 2nd Timothy. The class is continuing to meet for fellowship and coffee on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. You all are invited to join them in the Library.

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 Raising Cane's for teachers and staff. We would like to provide several salads to offer a vegetarian choice for lunch. If you can help with a salad, call the church office or speak to Rev. Harbison or Lisa Simmons.

We are collecting \$10-\$20 gift cards for door prizes, candy bars for a take away treat, and classroom school supplies. The Teacher Wish List includes: pencils, highlighters, Expo dry erase markers, and antibacterial wipes. You can drop off donations on Sunday morning or during the week.

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.

CCSC's Back to School program: 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 helps serve a child in need. Donate on their website, www.ccschouston.org.

Celebrate July birthdays today. It's tradition at St Luke's to celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Drop by the cookie room after worship and take a moment to enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and celebrate our July birthdays.