

## In Response to God

### Activities for the Week of September 8, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Proverbs 2:1-2,8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125:1-5; James 2:1-10, (11-13). 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Sunday	September 8	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 9	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 10	3 pm-7 pm – 10 am-2 pm – 4 pm – 7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection Strength Training Class Session Meeting
Wednesday	September 11	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 12	3 pm-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	September 13	3 pm-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 14	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 15	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	September 17 September 19 September 22	6:30 pm– 6:30 pm– 10:00 am–	Spirits & Spirituality Street Reach Youth Sunday

## Christian Community Service Center

Many of our neighbors are facing hunger and food insecurity. CCSC is grateful to provide basic necessities and your donations truly help—every single bag, box or canned item makes a difference:

### MOST NEEDED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags)  
Hearty soups  
Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags)  
Canned tuna or chicken  
Peanut butter  
Boxed dry cereal  
Pasta sauce

### OTHER REQUESTED ITEMS:

Baby food or formula  
Toilet paper  
Canned fruit (all types)  
Canned vegetables (all types)  
Dry pasta/mac and cheese  
Bar soap  
Diapers (sizes 5 and 6)

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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# The Order of Worship

September 8, 2024

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the music begins.

#### PRELUDE

Air from *Water Music*  
George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

#### ✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ✦OPENING HYMN 416

REGENT SQUARE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 229)

Today's Reader: Ed Nicklas

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

#### ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem, from *Missa Solemnis* K. 139  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 42)

Mark 7:24-37

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Just Do It!”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 339

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Be Thou My Vision

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

#### OFFERTORY

Psalm 47

Clap Your Hands  
Alfred V. Fedak

#### ✦DOXOLOGY 592

#### ✦PRAYER

#### ✦CHORAL RESPONSE

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Stralsund *Erneuereten Gesangbuch*, 1665  
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

#### ✦BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G minor BWV 558  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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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. Speak to Rev. Harbison if you have any questions.

**Joys and Concerns** are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanks-giving 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** resumed today. David Elledge is leading the class in a study of 2nd Timothy. You are invited to join them in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. **Our Youth** will resume meeting every other Sunday beginning today. The next meeting will be on September 22nd, Youth Sunday.

**The flowers in our sanctuary this morning** are given by Richard Cabrera & Khanh Nguyen to the glory of God and in thanks to Scott, Marvin, and all church leaders and congregation, for being part of their journey.

**Our special musical guests today** are Donald Rabin, Lauren Sanders, and Micah Sanders. Thank you for sharing your wonderful gifts with us today.

**Our Chancel Choir** returns today after a well-deserved vacation. Thank you to all the instrumentalists and soloists for providing service music during their absence. We are blessed to have such gifted and dedicated musicians here at St. Luke's, and we are grateful for their many contributions to our church.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC** was established to provide special vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year, and to supplement funding for our staff singers. 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** will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Dominguez, 5213 Cedar Street in Bellaire. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion of Rev. Harbison's topic for the evening. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex or call the church office to RSVP.

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, September 19:** Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal served that evening. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531). Speak to Jeanne Leach or Ed Dickinson to learn more about this meaningful outreach to our community.

**Focus on Food Sunday is September 29:** On the fifth Sundays of the year we ask everyone to make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for CCSC. *Focus on Food* is a way to bring attention to the elevated hunger in our community and the high level of need that the CCSC Emergency Food Pantry responds to every day. Food drives are essential to keep their shelves stocked. A list of suggested items is on the back of this insert.

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