

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of October 6, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26:1-12, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

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

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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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*
Micah Sanders, cello, Laura Smith, harp Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord
Based on JERUSALEM C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918), arr. Fred Bock (1939-1998)

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

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 212) Hebrews 2:1-12
Reading today, Kenneth Russell

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 46) Mark 10:13-16

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“Recess”

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.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY Shout to God
Based on Psalm 47 Joseph M. Martin

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
QUEBEC

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

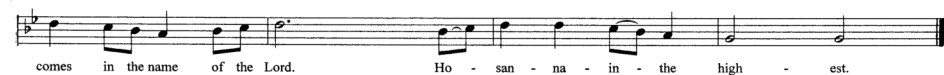
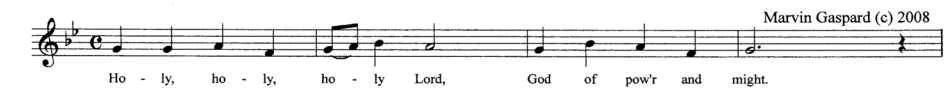
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 VOLUNTARY Panis Angelicus
From *Messe à trois Voix*, Op. 12 César Franck (1822-1890)

“The bread of angels becomes the bread of humankind.

The heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms.

O marvelous and wondrous sacraments:

The poor one, the servant and the humble all partake of the Lord.”

CHORAL RESPONSE O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!
O FILII ET FILIAE 15th century French tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY Henry Purcell (1659/1695), 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. 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 these verbally at the time for Sharing of Joys and Concerns.

Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School:** 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** meet every other Sunday. The next meeting will be on October 20.

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given by the Lindahl family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Carl Lindahl.

Spirits & Spirituality will meet on Tuesday, October 15th 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.

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.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, October 17: 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.

Strength Training at St. Luke’s: Strength training helps with balance, coordination, bone density, and overall health. The class celebrated its first year at St. Luke’s on September 18th. Jeanne Leach leads the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Pick up a flyer in the narthex with all the details and let us know if you would like to attend.

The Flower Calendar: If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar in the Cookie Room. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and to let us know how to acknowledge your gift.