

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. **Our Youth** meet every other Sunday.

Adult Sunday School: David Elledge is leading a new study based on William Barclay's book, Promise of the Spirit. You are invited to join them in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given by Marilyn McHenry to the glory of God and in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary.

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.

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.

Community Garden: Are you interested in working with a community garden? If you would like to be a part of this new opportunity at St. Luke's, speak to Rev. Harbison or Jeanne Leach for more information.

Prayers of the People (POP) to offer Lay Chaplaincy training. POP is a ministry designed to carry Christ's Gospel into the medical community, offering church members the opportunity to serve others who are in great need of care and support, POP provides an avenue to put compassion for one's neighbor in action. Their next training opportunity is Saturday, November 9th, at Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas. If you are interested in this training opportunity, call 281-814-3362 or go to their website, www.popministry.org for more information.

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.

In Response to God Activities for the Week of October 20, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday	October 20	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	October 21	2-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	October 22	2-7 pm – 10 am-2 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy CCSC Food Collection Strength Training Class
Wednesday	October 23	2-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 24	2-7 pm – 4 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Class
Friday	October 25	2-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	October 26	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 27	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service/Reformation Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
Artists in Residence	
Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims, & Laura Smith	



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The Order of Worship

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

"I have decided to love...Hate is too great a burden to bear."
Martin Luther King (1967)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 293

TERRA BEATA

This Is My Father's World

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Congregation: And freed to try again

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING (OT p. 484)
Reading today, Gabrielle Griffing

Job 38:1-7

GOSPEL READING (NT p. 11)

Mark 10:35-45

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. Lauren Suba

"Let's go have a drink with Jesus"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

From the Confession of Belhar, approved as part of the Book of Confessions at the 2016 PCUSA General Assembly.

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and hatred, bitterness and enmity, We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Based on Psalm 47

Festival Anthem on *O Praise Ye the Lord*

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) setting by Paul Sjolund

*"O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be outpoured
all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation or praise ye the Lord!"*

✦DOXOLOGY 592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION 517

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We Come as Guests Invited

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

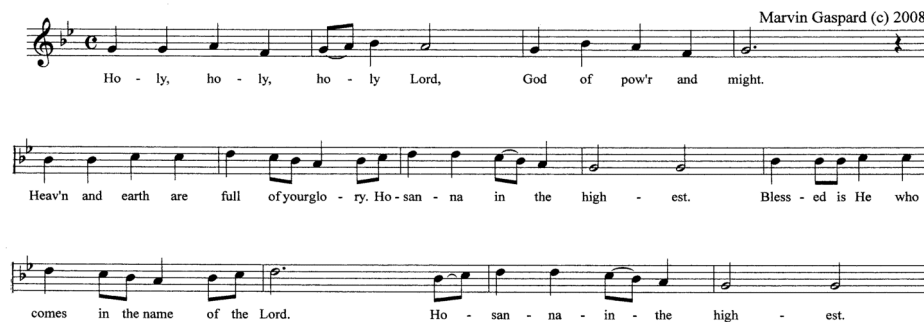
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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...



SILENT COMMUNION

✦PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

For Thine Is The Kingdom
Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THAXED

O God Beyond All Praising
Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

