

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, January 28, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song

Before the Throne of God Above

LUYH 682

GOD GREETES US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: People of God, in whom is our help?

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made the heavens and the earth.**

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We have received God's greeting, let us welcome and greet each other.

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Confession

Song of Confession

God, Be Merciful to Me

LUYH 622

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Mission Moment: Anti-Racism Missional Community

The liturgist will open the time of prayer, moving into a time where Individual thanksgivings or petitions may be added, spoken or unspoken.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Gospel Reading: John 4:13-14 (*Bible page 865*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Sexuality: Broken Blessing -- the struggle of sexual craving"

WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING

(Our morning offering is an act of worship whereby we as members of this congregation express our gratitude to and reliance on God. Guests and visitors should not feel that participation in this part of the service is obligatory. Anyone may participate electronically at <http://www.loopchurch.org/giving/>)

Offertory Prayer followed by *General Fund* offering

Discussion / Questions / Responses

Song of Response

My Soul Finds Rest

LUYH #370

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation and Promises

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise

Thanksgiving and Profession

Pastor: With thanksgiving, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Contemporary Testimony:

People: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.

With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears again. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

Prayer

Institution

The Communion

(We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance. Those receiving the sacrament may come forward as directed. The bread will be offered with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for us." You may break off a piece and respond with the words "Thanks be to God." Dip the bread in the cup presented to you with the words "The Blood of Christ, shed for us." and respond with the words "Thanks be to God." (Baptized children are encouraged to participate))

*Leader: When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wound than you can count
Open your eyes. Look all around.
You aren't alone. This is your home.*

*Chorus: Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here.*

*Leader: When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes. Look all around.
You aren't alone. This is your home.*

All: Chorus (above)

*Leader: At this table, come as you are,
Broken and bleeding's okay.
At this table, eat and be filled.
Come and drink in this grace.*

All: Chorus (above)

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Sending Song

In Christ Alone

LUYH 770

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Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!

Epiphany means “to reveal.” It celebrates the coming of the Magi, whose bringing of gifts revealed Jesus to the world as Lord and King. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent. Depending on the timing of Easter, the season of Epiphany includes four to nine Sundays. The sanctuary colors of Epiphany are white and gold. These are the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year. Epiphany is a time of focusing on the mission of the church as revealing Jesus as the Savior of all people.

During every service at Loop, we also celebrate communion. We welcome all baptized believers in Christ to receive the sacrament with us in the gathering of God's people. Those who have not put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior are asked to abstain from the sacrament but encouraged to reflect on its significance.

Nursery is available for children age 4 and under during the service. After the service, we encourage you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

We hope you enjoy your time at Loop Church! We want to help you feel connected to God, God's people, and God's work in the world. If you're not sure where to start, feel free to reach out to your neighbor or...

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This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



Psalm: Psalm 111
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement? Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at jim@loopchurch.org

Membership Class: On February 11 following worship we will have a meeting for those who are thinking about formalizing their relationship to Loop Church by becoming members. If interested email or text (612-850-0479) Pastor Mark.

SAVE THE DATE: Refugees and Public Policy Panel Discussion, Thursday, February 22 at Lombard CRC at 7:00 PM. Sponsored by Lombard CRC, Loop Church, and the Office for Social Justice. / 2020 South Meyers Rd Lombard, IL 60148

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thu, Feb 1	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Sun, Feb 4	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Feb 6	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Fri, Feb 9	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Sun, Feb 11	Membership Class	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	11 E Adams
Wed, Feb 14	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	Volpe Residence
Wed, Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	6:30 - 8:00	11 E Adams
Thu, Feb 15	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, Feb 20	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Thu, Feb 22	<i>Refugee Policy Discussion</i>	7:00 PM	Lombard CRC
Fri, Feb 23	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		

Sunday Schedule:

Date	1/28	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Set Up	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona
Take Down	Ginny & Charlene	Jim & Mary	Anne & Debbie	Peter & Silvia	Ginny & Charlene
Greeter 1	Kelley	Kevin	Joseph	Kevin	Lexi
Greeter 2	Jim	Mona	Kim	Mona	Janna
Refreshments	Adam & Becca	Brunch	Janna	Kelley	Charlene
Nursery	--- / Rae	-----	--- / Naomi	--- / Brianna	--- / Kayla
Lead Elder	JB	Kevin	Claire	Debbie	JB
Liturgist	Antonia	Anne			

Offering Update: January 21: Gen Fund \$1,873.00 FYTD: \$54,060.00