

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 11, 2018

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song

We Are People on a Journey

LUYH 141

GOD GREETUS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns
in power for us, Christ prays for us. (*Romans 8:34*)

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Assurance

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

LUYH 457

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-13 (*Bible page 922*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Welcoming: Living a Life of Inclusion

Discussion / Questions / Responses

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

A Prayer for Discipleship in Home and Family

LUYH 308

Mission Moment: Anti-Racism Missional Community

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/>. Alternatively, anyone using the ZELLE payment app can donate by sending funds to lcm@loopchurch.org)

Offertory Prayer followed by *General Fund* offering

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Song of Preparation

Table of Plenty

LUYH 808 vs. 1-2

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: Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected. In his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us. As God's true Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the coming rule of God.

Standing in our place, Jesus suffered during his years on earth, especially in the tortures of the cross. He carried God's judgment on our sin—his sacrifice removed our guilt. God raised him from the dead: he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—the Lord of Life! We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion.

*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))*

Prayer

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Sending Song

Come and Fill Our Hearts

LUYH 528 (3-5x)

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March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. The season of Lent spans forty weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding on the Saturday before Easter. In the Bible, the number forty is associated with suffering and temptation. However, because Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the forty days of Lent. The sanctuary color of Lent is purple, the color of suffering. The season of Lent is a time of prayer and repentance, as we remember the suffering of Jesus and focus on our need for grace. It is also a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and the coming resurrection.

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: Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10



Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Gospel: John 3:14-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon, Mar 12	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Thu, Mar 15	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, Mar 20	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Wed, Mar 21	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	Volpe Residence
Fri, Mar 23	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Thu, Apr 5	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Sun, Apr 1	EASTER Sunday Service	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Sun, Mar 8	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams

Sunday VOLUNTEERS: Interested getting your name into one of the boxes you see below? Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or email him at jim@loopchurch.org. It would be nice to have at least one more **SET UP** team or individual. You would need to be at church by 9:15 once every four or five weeks.

Sunday Schedule:

Date	3/11	3/18	3/25	4/1	4/8
Set Up	Tim & Lexi	Peter & Silvia	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia
Take Down	Kevin & Mona	Anne & Debbie	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona
Greeter 1	Kelley	Joseph	Jim	Lexi	Kevin
Greeter 2	Jim	Kim	Kelley	Janna	Mona
Refreshments	Charlene	Peter & Silvia	Adam & Rebecca	Mary	Brunch
Nursery	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	--- / Brianna	--- / Kayla	-----
Lead Elder	Kevin	Debbie	JB	Claire	Kevin
Liturgist	Emily	Anne			

Offering Update: March 4: Gen Fund \$3,407.00 FYTD: \$67,071.00

Benevolence Offering: \$950.00