

## Twenty-fourth Sunday of Kingdومتide, November 19, 2017

Today is our *Ebenezer* service, which is part of our celebration of Thanksgiving. Ebenezer refers to a stone erected by the prophet Samuel as a monument to God's providence. During our service today, we will have the opportunity to create our own monument at the front of the sanctuary, as we remember God's faithfulness to us. To participate, please pick up a brick and sticker as you are seated.

### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

#### Gathering Songs

Uyai mose / Come, All You People

LUYH 496

Let All Things Now Living

LUYH 5

### GOD GREETS 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: To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

People: Amen.

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

### GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

#### Prayer of Confession

*(Prayer led by liturgist Includes time for silent confession)*

#### Assurance of Pardon *(from Isaiah 1:18)*

Leader: The prophet Isaiah writes,

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,

they shall be like wool.”

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

People: In Christ, we are forgiven.

## Song of Assurance

My Soul Finds Rest (Psalm 62)

LUYH 370

## GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 7:2-14 (*Bible page 218*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: The Original Ebenezer...and Why It Matters

## Song of Response

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LUYH 521

## Raising our Ebenezer

*Congregation will be given the opportunity to write things they are thankful for on bricks and bring them forward to build and Ebenezer. People may share their thanksgivings at the microphone if desired. As you bring your brick forward for the Ebenezer you may also set your Peter Fish on the table provided. There is also a basket for loose offerings.*

## 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

# WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion Song: All Belong Here

printed below

*Antonia: 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.*

*Antonia: 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)*

*Antonia: 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)*

## ***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))*

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Song**

Now Thank We All Our God

LUYH 543

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November 19, 2017  
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Kingdomtide  
Ebenezer Sunday

**Welcome to our worship service  
at Loop Church!**

The church year following Pentecost is known as Kingdomtide. It begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday before Advent). During Kingdomtide, we focus on various aspects of our faith and the mission of the church in the world. The sanctuary color for Kingdomtide is green, representing life in Christ.

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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...

## **Contact Us**

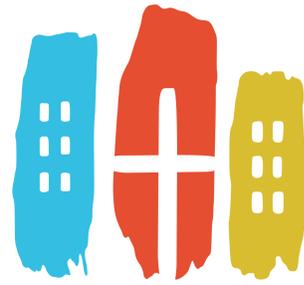
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## **This week's lectionary readings:**

Old Testament: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Interested in Volunteering or Submitting an Announcement?** Talk to Jim Bosman after the service or send him an email at [jim@loopchurch.org](mailto:jim@loopchurch.org)

**World Hunger Sunday** - Today, on World Hunger Sunday, we bring our offerings to God and ask Him to use them to supply the needs of those living in poverty, through the work of World Renew to break barriers that lead to hunger. To learn more about how your gift will be used to equip people around the world, visit [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net). As you bring your brick forward for the Ebenezer you may also set your Peter Fish on the table provided. There is also a basket for loose offerings.

## Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun, Nov 19	World Hunger / Ebenezer Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Nov 28	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, Nov 28	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Sun, Dec 3	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Dec 5	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Wed, Dec 13	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	1550 S State

## Sunday Schedule:

Date	11/19	11/26	12/3	12/10	12/17
Set Up	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia
Take Down	Tim & Lexi	Charlene & Mark	Anne & Debbie	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona
Greeter 1	Kevin	Jim	Peter	Kevin	Lexi
Greeter 2	Mona	Mary	Silvia	Mona	Debbie
Refreshments	Janna	Kelley	Brunch	Mary	Sharon
Nursery	--- / Rae	--- / Naomi	----	--- / Briana	--- / Kayla
Lead Elder	JB	Debbie	JB	Kevin	Claire
Liturgist	Anne	*		Emily	

**Offering Update:** November 12: Gen Fund \$998.00 FYTD: \$34,882.00