

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2018

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God,  
who made a way through the desert of this world.

Pastor: Let us worship God,  
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
we worship him, and we rejoice!

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.  
Alleluia! We rejoice!

## GOD GREETUS AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

Gathering Song

Before the Throne

LUYH 682

## GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Time of Confession

Song of Confession and Assurance

What Wondrous Love is This

LUYH 164

Assurance of Pardon

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

*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

## Song of Illumination

Open Our Eyes

LUYH 297

**Old Testament Reading:** Amos 5:18-24 (*Bible page 747*)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Living Socially Engaged: No more being a passive observer!

## Song of Response

Lead Me, Guide Me

LUYH 329

Discussion / Questions / Responses

## MISSION MOMENTS

Micah Schuurman

Environmental Issues 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](mailto:lcm@loopchurch.org))*

Offertory Prayer followed by *General Fund* offering

## 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: 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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

LUYH 457

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## 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...

### Contact Us

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### This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Epistle: Romans 4:13-25



Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30  
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

## 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)

### Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thu, Feb 22	<i>Refugee Policy Discussion</i>	7:00 PM	Lombard CRC
Thu, Mar 1	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		
Sun, Mar 4	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30 AM	11 E Adams
Tue, Mar 6	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 PM	11 E Adams
Fri, Mar 9	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Wed, Mar 21	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	Volpe Residence
Thu, Mar 15	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, Mar 20	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		

**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](mailto: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 for or five weeks.

### Sunday Schedule:

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

**Offering Update:** February 18: Gen Fund \$1,621.00 FYTD: \$61,503.00