

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*(We are reminded of our baptism as water is poured into the font.)*

### Gathering Song

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

LUYH 708

*(Those who wish may form a percussion choir)*

## GOD GREETUS US AS WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

## GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

### Time of Confession

### Song of Confession and Assurance

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended

LUYH 172

### Assurance of Pardon *(from Ezekiel 36:22, 26)*

Liturgist: Friends, believe the good news!

People: Thanks be to God!

## 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.*

*We conclude with the Lord's Prayer*

Liturgist: We now join in the prayer you taught us to pray:

People: Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

# GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

## Song of Illumination

## Abide with Me (v. 1, 3, 5)

D G D

1. A - bid e with me; fast falls the e - ven -  
 2. Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst  
 3. I need Thy pres - ence eve - ry pass - ing  
 4. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to  
 5. Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing

3 A D G D

tide. The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a -  
 smile. And, though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean -  
 hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's  
 bless. Ills have no weight; tears lose their bit - ter -  
 eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the

6 A B m G D

bide. When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts  
 while, Thou hast not left me, though I oft left  
 power? Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can  
 ness. Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy vic - to -  
 skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows

9 G D A D

flee, Help of the help - less, a - bid e with me.  
 Thee. On to the close, Lord, a - bid e with me.  
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bid e with me.  
 ry? I tri - umph still; \_\_\_\_\_ a - bid e with me.  
 flee. In life, in death, Lord, a - bid e with me.

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**Gospel Reading:** John 4:25-30 (*Bible page 865*)

**Liturgist:** This is the Word of the LORD.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Sermon:** "Just As I Am"

## Song of Response

Have We Any Gift Worth Giving

LUYH 872

## Discussion / Questions / Responses

## 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))*

## GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

### Benediction

### Sending Song

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

LUYH 457

*(Those who wish may form a percussion choir)*

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February 18, 2018  
First 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: Genesis 9:8-17  
Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9  
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15



## 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)

**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
Tue, Feb 20	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Wed, Feb 21	GEMS	6:30 - 8:00	Volpe Residence
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>		
Thu, Mar 15	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams

### Sunday Schedule:

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

Offering Update: February 11: Gen Fund \$1,796.00 FYTD: \$59,882.00