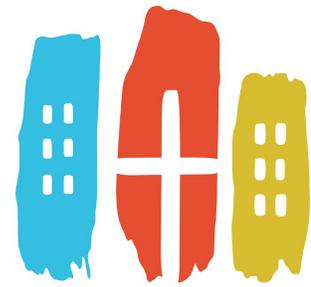


Third Sunday in Lent  
March 24, 2019



**LOOP CHURCH**  
C H I C A G O

**Welcome to our worship service at Loop Church!**  
**Our Purpose** - As followers of Jesus Christ we bless our neighbors in Chicago and beyond by welcoming the presence and love of God into our lives such that it overflows to those around us. This happens as we engage in spiritual practices, live out our community values, and engage in acts of love and service.

**Mission Moment – Environmental Stewardship MC**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Reader1: On this day, we come boldly into the presence of our God,  
praying with our Savior as he taught us to pray:

**People: Father, Abba, Parent, hallowed be your name.**

Reader2: Father God, you created all things, yet you hold us in the palm of your hand.

**People: Hallowed be your name.**

Reader1: God of heaven, you became flesh and made your dwelling among us;  
drawing near to those who suffer and rejoice around the world.

**People: Hallowed be your name.**

Reader2: You are everywhere, beyond the stars we can see with our strongest telescopes  
and knitting babies together in their mothers' wombs;

Reader1: You are on the south side, the north side, and the west side of this city.

Reader2: You are a Father who cares for people struggling with political unrest in Venezuela,  
people fleeing violence in Syria and South America, people in coastal areas and  
poor neighborhoods impacted sharply by environmental degradation, people  
struggling against the daily weight of systemic racism in the US, people seeking  
comfort in Christchurch, and all who call on you around the world.

**People: Hallowed be your name.**

Reader1: You are with us here in this place and we praise you for your presence  
and your love for us.

**People: Hallowed be your name.**

**Songs of Adoration:** Abana in Heaven

LUYH 911

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

LUYH 10

# GOD GREETS US - WE RESPOND BY GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Reader1: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

**People: Yes Lord, may your kingdom come!**

Reader1: To those who are poor.

Reader2: To those who are hungry.

**People: may your kingdom come.**

Reader1: To those who despair.

Reader2: To those who weep.

**People: may your kingdom come.**

Reader1: To those who long for peace

Reader2: To those in the midst of war

**People: may your kingdom come.**

Reader1: Help us to work for the coming of your kingdom, for renewal, for justice, for peace. Grant us the vision to see what to do and the courage and energy to do it.

**People: may your kingdom come.**

*(prayers of the people may be offered silently or aloud)*

Reader2: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread.

**People: Yes Lord, give us each day our daily bread.**

Reader1: We rely on you daily Lord and thank you for your provision of food and drink.

Reader2: We thank you for farms, gardens, grocery stores, farmers markets, food pantries, soup kitchens, school kitchens, home kitchens. For people who prepare, clean and cook. For mouths to feed and people to eat with.

**People: Give us each day our daily bread.**

Reader1: We are grateful for clean water, for Lake Michigan, for streams and rivers and oceans that sustain life.

Reader2: Help us to care for and sustain them.

**People: Give us each day our daily bread.**

Reader1: We remember people in our city and around our world who are hungry and thirsty, who need jobs, housing, and healthcare. Provide for all of us Lord. We cry out to you.

**People: Give us each day our daily bread.**

*(prayers of the people may be offered silently or aloud)*

## **GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION**

Reader 2: Father, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

**People: Yes Lord, Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone indebted to us.**

Reader 1: We have done things we are ashamed of. We have hurt others. We have hurt ourselves.

Reader 2: We have failed to do the things we know you call us to do. We have passed by our neighbors on the other side of the road in their times of need.

**People: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone indebted to us.**

Reader 1: Help us to know when we have sinned.

Reader 2: Help us to turn to you in confession.

Reader 1: Help us to turn from sin in repentance.

Reader 2: Help us to turn to you for forgiveness.

**People: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone indebted to us.**

Reader 1: As we have been forgiven, help us to forgive.

**People: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone indebted to us.**

*(prayers of confession, and items we want to forgive may be offered silently or written on the pieces of paper and slipped into the wire mesh on the cross)*

Reader 2: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.

**People: Yes Lord, lead us not into temptation.**

Reader 1: Keep us from speaking when we should remain silent.

Reader 2: Keep us from being silent when we should speak.

Reader 1: Keep us from looking at things we should not see

Reader 2: And listening to things we should not hear.

**People: Lead us not into temptation.**

Reader 1: Help us to navigate the distractions of the world.

Reader 2: Help us to pay attention to you.

**People: Lead us not into temptation.**

*(Prayers for delivery from temptation may be offered silently or written on the slips of paper and threaded into the wire mesh on the cross)*

Reader 1: Lets us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, his disciples, together:

**People: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. Amen.**

## **GOD EXTENDS HIS GRACE TO US**

Reader2: God, whose name is and remains holy, has the power and authority to judge with justice and to extend grace with mercy. In love, God render justice with mercy, judging us according to the grace we have received in the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ we die, in Christ we are risen, in Christ we are forgiven. And we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit who calls us into Christ, empower us to forgive freely, and delivers us from temptation.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Song of Reflection**     Amazing Grace

LUYH 691, vs 1,2,4

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE WORD**

**Reading:** Luke Luke 11:1-13 (*bible page 845*)

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Thy Kingdom Come: Praying for God's Reign

**Discussion Time**

## **WE RESPOND IN THANKSGIVING**

### **Offering for the General Fund**

*(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).)*

## **LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST**

### **Invitation & Institution**

**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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## **Communion**

*(The Lord's Supper is an open invitation to all. If you are - or desire to be - a follower of Jesus Christ, come and celebrate with us. Today we will celebrate the sacrament by forming a circle around the communion table and passing the bread and wine to one another with the words, "The Body of Christ, broken for you," and, "The Blood of Christ, shed for you.")*

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

**Sending Song**

God, the Father of Your People

LUYH 927

**Benediction**

**This week's lectionary readings:**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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**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)

**Congregational Meeting** March 31 - finance and move update

**Roseland Christian Ministries** invites you to join us at our Spring Banquet, "Come As You Are" on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at Georgios, 8800 West 159th St. in Orland Park. Doors open at 6:30, dinner served at 7 p.m. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Contact Jim Bosman for reservations or more details.

**Calendar:**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Fri, Mar 29	Environmental Issues MC		
Sun, Mar 31	Congregational Meeting	11:30 - 12:00	11 E Adams
Sun, Apr 7	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Thu, Apr 4	Anti-Racism MC		
Tue, Apr 9	Welcoming the Stranger MC		
Thu, Apr 18	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams

**Sunday Schedule:**

Date	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21
<b>Set Up</b>	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona
<b>Take Down</b>	Peter & Silvia	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Ginny & Debbie	Tim & Lexi
<b>Greeter 1</b>	Deqa		Lexi	Peter	Mary
<b>Greeter 2</b>		Kelley	Janna	Silvia	Jim
<b>Refreshments</b>	Laura & Karim	Adam & Becca	Brunch	Tracey	Janna
<b>Nursery</b>	Brianna	Kayla	-----	Rae	Naomi
<b>Lead Elder</b>	Jennie	Peter	Claire	Debbie	JB

**Offering Update:** Mar 17: Gen Fund \$1285.00 FYTD: \$85,860.00