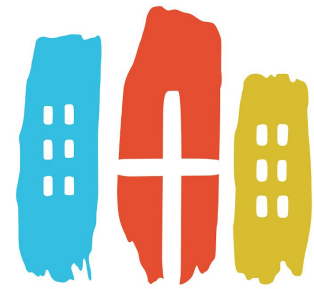


Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 31, 2019



**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.*

## **WELCOME AND GREETING**

Leader: Today we continue our Lenten Journey.

People: **We are following Jesus.**

Leader: Sometimes we travel with joy in our heart,

People: **and sometimes we are not so sure.**

Leader: We wonder what will lie ahead for us.

People: **Will it be hosannas, or will it be an angry crowd?**

Leader: Will it be a prayerful garden or a stark cross?

People: **A holy meal or an empty place at the table?**

Leader: So, today we continue our Lenten Journey,

People: **and as we do our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth,**

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

<b>Gathering Song</b>	<u>We are People on a Journey</u>	LUYH 142 v. 1, 2, 4
	<u>Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land</u>	LUYH 138

## **GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF**

### **Confession**

Leader: Someone from the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my sibling to divide the inheritance with me.”

People: **Jesus, we come to you in the business of our day, asking you to ordain, the wealth we hope to gain, and the promotions we deserve to obtain.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your sibling?”  
Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.”

*[Time of silent reflection to write down what possessions we believe to determine our lives.]*

Leader: Then Jesus told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.

People: **God, when the land is dry, you send rain from the sky and blessings arise. You supply, provide, and satisfy, yet we only think in terms of "me, myself, and I."**

*[Time of silent reflection to write down what possessions we want to store up and amass rather than share.]*

Leader: But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

People: **Spirit, we try to stave off death, we store, we hoard, we ask for more, when all we need is your breath. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh and fill, not just me, but all of we. Make us Holy.**

The Assurance of God's Provision and Pardon

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE WORD

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:22-34 (*bible page 846*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Thy Kingdom Come?: Worry in God's Reign

**Song of Response**

My Soul Finds Rest

LUYH 370

## 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

**Song of Preparation**

Table of Plenty

LUYH 808 vs. 1, 3

## 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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## 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, given for you," and, "The Blood of Christ, shed for you.")*

## GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

### Sending Song

Glory Be to the Father

LUYH 959

## Benediction

### This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Psalm 32

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: 15:1-3, 11b-32

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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)

**Congregational Meeting** April 7 - finance and move update

**Worship Space Preview** April 10 - Come out to look over the options for our next worship space. 5 PM at East-West University and 6 PM at Fulton Street Collective.

**Small Group Prayer Gather on Thursday Evening, April 11:** Pastor Derek and Andy DeBoer will lead a small group bible study / prayer gathering on Thursday, April 10 from 6:30 PM - 8 PM. Come for a time of singing, sharing, and praying together. The monthly gathering will be hosted at the Elmi-Buursma's apartment in Hyde Park. All are welcome!

**Offering Update:** Mar 24: Gen Fund \$1469.00 FYTD: \$87,329.00

**Calendar:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thu, Apr 4	Anti-Racism MC		
Sun, Apr 7	Congregational Meeting	11:30 - 12:00	11 E Adams
Sun, Apr 7	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Tue, Apr 9	Welcoming the Stranger MC		
Wed, Apr 10	Worship Space Preview	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	East West University 829 S. Wabash Ave  Fulton Street Collective - 1821 W. Hubbard 3rd floor
Thu, Apr 11	Worship Space Preview	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Apartment of Derek and Deqa
Sun, Apr 14	Congregational Voting	11:30 - 12:00	11 E Adams
Thu, Apr 18	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Fri, Apr 26	Environmental Issues MC		

**Sunday Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Apr 28</b>
<b>Set Up</b>	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi
<b>Take Down</b>	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Ginny & Debbie	Jim & Mary	Tim & Lexi
<b>Greeter 1</b>		Lexi	Peter	Mary	Kevin
<b>Greeter 2</b>	Kelley	Janna	Silvia	Jim	Mona
<b>Refreshments</b>	Adam & Becca	Brunch	Tracey	Janna	Mary
<b>Nursery</b>	Kayla	-----	Rae	Naomi	Brianna
<b>Lead Elder</b>	Peter	Claire	Debbie	JB	Jennie