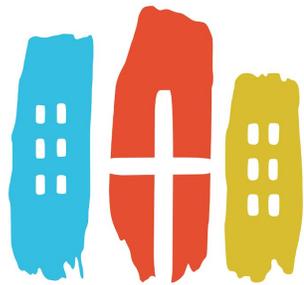


Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019



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.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Pastor: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

People: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

Pastor: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

People: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

Pastor: Even as we break the bread and share the cup,

People: our hearts, souls, minds, and bodies may fail us.

Pastor: But we will never forget Christ's example.

People: We will remember the full extent of his love.

Gathering Songs

Ubi caritas et amor/Live In Charity

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GOD GREETUS US - WE RESPOND BY GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: The grace and peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOD CALLS US TO RECONCILIATION

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father,

As those who strive to follow your son Jesus in our living
and to trust your power in our dying,
we gather to reflect upon the life that ended on a cross.

We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples:
although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.
Throughout this season of lent we have brought many sins before you
And placed them on the cross.
We pause to reflect on those now.

(time for silent confession)

And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal
Jesus washed their feet in service, and then
extended the bread and cup to each.
Jesus called them to love one another, and invited them to share in his very life
and in his acceptance of the road ahead.

We are humbled, honored and inspired
by the deep love Christ extended to the world,
and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today.
Forgive us when we disappoint and fail you,
and guide us back to a place of trust and faithful living.
Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it,
with love and compassion for each creature and all of your creation.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 (*Pew Bible 51*)

Reading from Psalms: Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (*Pew Bible 491*)

New Testament Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (*Pew Bible 876*)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Those gathered are invited to join in a time of prayer together concluding with the words:

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray to you. . .

**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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Pastor: Though you are God,
with all the influence and status that the name implies,
you refused to pull rank,
and parade your power among us.

**People: Instead, you chose to step down into our experience,
living among us, as one of us,
with all the struggle and suffering
that goes with being human.**

More than that, you adopted the role of slave and servant,
washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing,
and giving of yourself completely.

Jesus we are humbled by your humility.

We are grateful for your kindness to your us, your disciples.

We remember now your sacrifice

As we come to the table you have prepared for us.

Come, for all is now ready. The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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:

Jesus Remember Me

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Benediction

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