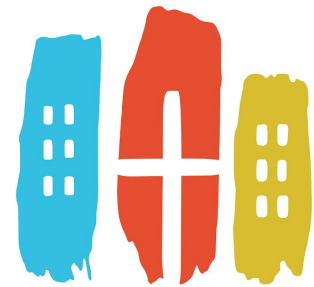


Second Sunday of Eastertide

April 28, 2019

Earth Day Worship Service



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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 102 v. 24-28)*

Leader: Lord, 4.5 billion years ago you poured the foundations for what would become the earth, and with your bare hands you spread out the rest of the cosmos across the expanse.

People: **Sadly our earth is not eternal and someday shall pass into oblivion, but you, Lord, will remain forever.**

Leader: Our planet will wear out like an overworn shirt, to be taken off and discarded.

People: **But you do not wear out. Decay and death do not touch you.**

Leader: In your loving kindness though you promise we will live with you forever, in a new earth and a new cosmos.

People: **You promise to provide a permanent and perfect home for all future generations.**

Gathering Songs

For the Beauty of the Earth

LUYH 19

Many and Great

LUYH 27

GOD GREETUS US - WE RESPOND BY GREETING ONE ANOTHER

GOD CALLS US TO RECONCILIATION

Song of Confession Touch the Earth Lightly

LUYH 18 V. 1 & 2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Reflection Touch the Earth Lightly

LUYH 18 V. 3 & 4

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15, 18-19, 23-24 (*pew bible 2*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Discussion

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)

HALLELUJAH! LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Song of Preparation [Eat This Bread](#)

LUYH 818

Invitation & Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image and kept covenant with us, even when we fell into sin. The heavens and the earth declare your glory Lord, and we thank you for the works of your hands. And this Eastertide, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our LORD. The one who was dead now lives! The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation!

By your Spirit, use this feast to open our eyes to Christ's presence. Help us who recognize you Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve you in all the brokenness of the world. Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in all your gifts, that we may receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures. Renew the face of the earth, O Lord, and gather your whole church together into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people of every language, race and nation may share the feast and receive your presence.

People: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our God forever! Amen!

Pastor: Come, for all is 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, given for you," and, "The Blood of Christ, shed for you.")

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna LUYH 204

Benediction

This week's lectionary readings:

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm: Psalm 150

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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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

Elmhurst CRC (149 West Brush Hill Road Elmhurst) **will be hosting a youth night on April 28th.** The event, featuring a guest speaker and praise band, will go from 7-9 PM and is for all youth 6th grade through 12th grade. The youth at Loop are invited to attend this event that is open to all churches in the classis.

Offering Update: Apr 28: Gen Fund \$3853.00 FYTD: \$98,781.00

Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thu, May 2	Anti-Racism MC		
Sun, May 5	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Thu, May 9	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, May 14	Welcoming the Stranger MC		
Fri, May 24	Environmental Issues MC		

Sunday Schedule:

Date	Apr 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Set Up	Tim & Lexi	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary
Take Down	Tim & Lexi	Ginny & Debbie	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary
Greeter 1	Kevin	Deqa	Peter	Lexi	Kevin
Greeter 2	Mona	Kelley	Silvia	Janna	Mona
Refreshments	Mary	Brunch	Kelley	Ginny	Deqa
Nursery	Brianna	-----	Kayla	Rae	Naomi
Lead Elder	Jennie	Peter	Claire	JB	JB