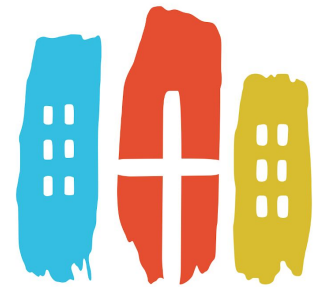


## First Sunday after Epiphany

January 13, 2019

**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.



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

### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters, today we rejoice in Christ's special care for His church.

**People:** **Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:** We share one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one ministry of reconciliation.

**People:** **For this ministry, Christ has given gifts to all of us.**

**Pastor:** Christ appoints some to be pastors, evangelists, and teachers.

**People:** **These people equip all of us for works of ministry.**

**Pastor:** To God be the glory for building up his church.

**People:** **Praise His name for His gracious gifts to all of us.**

### **Gathering Songs**

Gather Us In

LUYH 529

Be Thou My Vision

LUYH 859

### **GOD GREETS US - WE RESPOND BY GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**Pastor:** People of God, in whom is our help?

**People:** **Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made the heavens and the earth.**

**Pastor:** Grace to you and peace from the Lord, our provider, our joy, and our redeemer.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Now that we've been greeted by God, let's take a moment to welcome and greet one another.

### **WE RENEW OUR VOWS TO SERVE GOD**

#### **God's Call to Service**

Elder: Brothers and sisters, in the water of our baptism, we were baptized into the death of Christ Jesus. We were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. *(from Romans 6:3-4, NIV)*

People: **Praise be to God, who claimed us in our baptism. By his grace, we have been clothed with Christ. God has called us to a new life, a life of ministry in a broken World. Let us now confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Dedication

Elder: Sisters and Brothers, lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been Called. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, to whom we were reconciled through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. *(Ephesians 4:1, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)*

People: **God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us. We will be Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal to the world through us.**  
*(based on 2 Corinthians 5:19-20)*

### Song of Response

Here I Am, Lord

LUYH 869

## 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)*

# GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:7-12 (*Pew Bible 290*)

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Ripped & Torn

**Song of Response**     Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

LUYH 796

## COMMISSIONING LITURGY

**Elders:** Beloved people of God, will you receive this brother as a servant of the Lord? Will you encourage him as he accepts this responsibility for our common life? Will you provide such financial and personal support that he will serve with joy?

**People: We will.**

**Commissioning** [*Laying on of hands*]

**Elder:** We bless and thank you for the call you have given to your servant Derek, and for the prompting of your spirit, which equips him to respond in faith. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon him. Bring forth in and through him the fruit of love, joy, and peace; patience, kindness, and goodness; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**People: May this harvest of righteousness be multiplied in every ministry, every prayer, every opportunity for service to which you lead him. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Song of Response**     Order My Steps

## HALLELUJAH! LET US CELEBRATE THE FEAST

### 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

### Benediction

**Sending Song**     Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LUYH 946

**This week's lectionary readings:**

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 29

Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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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)

**Calendar:**

Date	Event	Time	Location
Sun, Jan 13	<i>Installation Service for Derek</i>	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Tue, Jan 15	<i>Welcoming the Stranger MC</i>		
Thu, Jan 17	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Fri, Jan 25	<i>Environmental Issues MC</i>		
Sun, Feb 3	<i>Brunch Sunday</i>	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Thu, Feb 7	<i>Anti-Racism MC</i>		

**Sunday Schedule:**

Date	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10
<b>Set Up</b>	Jim & Mary	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia
<b>Take Down</b>	Jim & Mary	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary	Ginny & Debbie
<b>Greeter 1</b>	Joseph	Jim	Lexi	Peter	Kevin
<b>Greeter 2</b>	Kelley	Mary	Janna	Silvia	Mona
<b>Refreshments</b>	Laura & Karim	Adam & Becca	Ginny	Brunch	Tracey
<b>Nursery</b>	--- /Briana	--- /Kayla	--- /Rae	-----	--- /Naomi
<b>Lead Elder</b>	Claire	Debbie	JB	Kevin	Claire

**Offering Update:** Jan 6: Gen Fund \$1480.00 FYTD: \$64,592.00