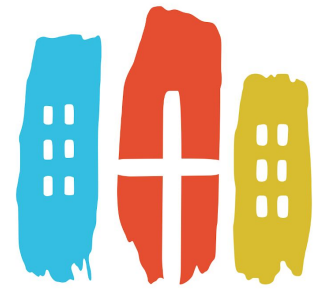


**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 20, 2019**



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

Songs of Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

LUYH 599

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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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 him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: **Amen.**

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

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

Song of Invitation

Prepare the Way of the Lord

LUYH 58

Confession

Leader: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” These were the words of John the Baptist as he preached throughout the wilderness preparing the way for our Lord Jesus Christ.

John saw that there was injustice in the city. That people drank from the cup of suffering daily. That although there was enough bread to go around, people were still hungry.

John ripped and tore his clothes, and went out to the wilderness wondering when people would change their ways?

**ALL: Ripping and Tearing, Repenting and confessing,
we long for changed hearts and lives.**

*[congregation may come forward to rip and tear a cloth
and share things that leave them feeling ripped and torn]*

Song of Response

Prepare the Way of the Lord

LUYH 58

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-23

Leader: In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

ALL: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

**‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.**

Every valley shall be filled,

**and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,**

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Leader: John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,
“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him,

ALL: “What then should we do?”

Leader: In reply he said to them,
“Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,

ALL: “Teacher, what should we do?”

Leader: He said to them,
“Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

Soldiers also asked him,

ALL: “And we, what should we do?”

Leader: He said to them,
“Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,

ALL: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD.

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: “What Should We Do?: Preparing for God’s Reign”

Question and Answer Time

Song of Response

We are Your People

LUYH 248 V 1,2,3,5,6

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

Mission Moment – Welcoming the Stranger Missional Community

Communal Prayer

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.)

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

LUYH 482

This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10
 Gospel: John 2:1-11

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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

Calendar:

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

Sunday Schedule:

Date	Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17
Set Up	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona	Jim & Mary	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi
Take Down	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi	Jim & Mary	Ginny & Debbie	Peter & Silvia
Greeter 1	Jim	Lexi	Peter	Kevin	Jim
Greeter 2	Mary	Janna	Silvia	Mona	Mary
Refreshments	Adam & Becca	Ginny	Brunch	Tracey	Janna
Nursery	--- /Kayla	--- /Rae	-----	--- /Naomi	--- /Brianna
Lead Elder	Debbie	JB	Kevin	Claire	Debbie

Offering Update: Jan 13: Gen Fund \$1288.00 FYTD: \$66,120.00

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery

Vito Aiuto

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G F C Dm G F C Dm

(melody can be sung or played between verses)

G F C Dm

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noin - ted, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes, with suc - cour speed - y, to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers u - pon the fruit - ful earth;
4. To Him shall pray'r un - ceas - ing and dail - y vows as - cend;

G F C Dm

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in His path to birth;
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

G F C Dm

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 be fore Him, on the mount - ains, shall peace the her - ald go;
 the tide of time shall ne - ver His co - ve - nant re - move;

G F C Dm

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in e - qui - ty,
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in His sight.
 and right - eous - ness, in fount - ains, from hill to val ley flow.
 His name shall stand for - e - ver, His name to us is Love.

G F C G/B G F C