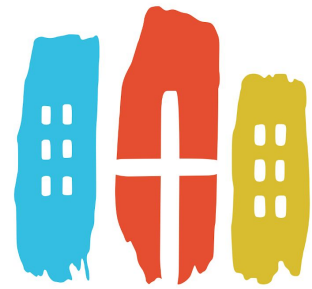


Easter Sunday  
April 21, 2019



**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.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

**Gathering Song**      Christ the Lord is Risen Today      LUYH 182

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

**Song of Praise**      Praise the Savior, Now and Ever      LUYH 191

## **FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

*As a symbol of the new life the resurrection brings, let us place flowers on the cross, changing it from a symbol of death and fear into a symbol of new life and hope. As we do this, remember that just as we share in Christ's death on the cross, so we share in the promises of new and eternal life with our Savior.*

**Songs of Praise**      Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord      LUYH 192

See, What a Morning      LUYH 181

## **WE DECLARE OUR FAITH**

Nicene Creed      LUYH 771

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH THE WORD**

The Resurrection: Luke 23:54 - 24:12 (pew bible 860)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CONGREGATIONAL 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](mailto:lcm@loopchurch.org))*

## **WE GATHER AT THE TABLE**

### **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:** 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. In 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 our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed by Jesus' hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Give to us who are quenched by Jesus' cup grace to share the cup of salvation with all who are hopeless or seeking. Gather your whole church together, O Lord, 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:** **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory are yours forever. Amen.**

## 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:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LUYH 965

## Benediction

### This week's lectionary readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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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)

**On Tuesday, April 23 at 7pm Welcoming the Stranger** will be hosting a panel discussion on the global refugee crisis, current immigration discourse and policies, and how we as a Christian community can respond. This event will be at Palos Heights CRC: 7059 W 127th Street, Palos Heights, IL 60463. Please join us!

**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.

**Hosting our Piano?** As we prepare to move to a new facility, we will need a place to store our piano for the next two years. If anyone is interested in having and using the piano at their home during this time, please reach out to Jim.

**Offering Update:** Apr 14: Gen Fund \$1786.00 FYTD: \$94,928.00

### Calendar:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Fri, Apr 26	Environmental Issues MC		
Thu, May 2	Anti-Racism MC		
Sun, May 5	Brunch Sunday	10:00 - 11:30	11 E Adams
Thu, May 16	Steering Council Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM	11 E Adams
Tue, May 14	Welcoming the Stranger MC		

### Sunday Schedule:

Date	Apr 21	Apr 28	May 5	May 12	May 19
<b>Set Up</b>	Kevin & Mona	Tim & Lexi	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi	Kevin & Mona
<b>Take Down</b>	Jim & Mary	Tim & Lexi	Ginny & Debbie	Peter & Silvia	Tim & Lexi
<b>Greeter 1</b>	Mary	Kevin	Deqa	Peter	Lexi
<b>Greeter 2</b>	Jim	Mona	Kelley	Silvia	Janna
<b>Refreshments</b>	Janna	Mary	Brunch	Kelley	Ginny
<b>Nursery</b>	Naomi	Brianna	-----	Kayla	Rae
<b>Lead Elder</b>	JB	Jennie	Peter	Claire	Debbie