

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

October 17, 2021 - The Great
Disconnect, Psalm 67 - Paul Akin

Chorus

Call to Worship - Psalm 113

As many of you know, Antioch was named and planted specifically to be a church who blesses the nations. And we continue to have the desire and opportunity to that, by sending our people to the nations among us locally, and by sending our people literally to the nations around the world. And so occasionally we want our entire Sunday Gathering to be focused on God's global mission. We call them Sending Sundays.

So church hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 113 and say the underlined portions with me:

Praise the LORD!
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Congregation:
Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Congregation:
The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

Congregation:
Praise the LORD! [if they don't say it with oomph, have them say it again]

Let's remember, church, that we too are among those Gentile nations who have been called to praise the Lord through Jesus Christ.
So let's add our voices to the mix!

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Confession - Acts 13:44-48

In Acts 13 we begin reading of two missionaries sent out from the church at Antioch, Paul and Barnabas, who began preaching the gospel to Gentiles. The story goes like this,

44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, " 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' " 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:44-48

As we pause this morning to confess our sins to the Lord together, let's acknowledge our human tendency to keep God's salvation for ourselves. Apart from the light of the Holy Spirit, we are tempted like the Jews to make God's kingdom a geopolitical kingdom, rather than extending it to the ends of the earth. Let's take a moment and confess in the spirit of this prayer:

Forgive us, Lord—our kingdoms are all so small. [brief pause]

Now let's pray this together:

Indwell us Lord and purify
Our hands to work for you
Enlist us Lord to serve nearby
And across the waters too
Your image bearers on the earth
Will never know how much they're worth
Unless we go and help them first
And show the way to you.
Amen.

Here I Am

Let The Nations Be Glad

Sermon - Psalm 67 - Paul Akin

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and said to his disciples, "This is my body, which is broken for you; eat this in remembrance of me." He also took a cup of wine, and after blessing it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This cup is the new covenant marked by the shedding of my blood. For as often as you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you announce the Lord's death until he returns." Today we are announcing...

Our tradition here at Antioch is to come forward together and break off a piece of bread and dip it in the juice (there are individual communion cups and gluten free bread available). If you're a baptized believer, I invite you to examine yourself, and then come forward in just a moment. If you're a believer but not yet baptized, before taking communion, we would love to help you first come and declare your faith publicly through baptism. If you're not a Christian, this sacred symbol is not for you, but rather than taking communion, we encourage you to take Christ.

There will be pastors in the back to talk and pray with you about any need you have. Let's pray.

Your Great Name

Is He Worthy?

Announcements & Benediction - Psalm 57:9-11

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

- 1) Giving & Visitors - antiochpeople.org/give
- 2) Family Groups - antiochpeople.org/familygroup
- 3) Serving - antiochpeople.org/serve
- 4) Classes - antiochpeople.org/classes

For next Sunday's class we will be having our first Charity Roundtable. To be clear, this is not a lecture or a debate. This is an intentional environment facilitated by the pastors where church members can learn to dialogue about complex issues, with the goal of arriving at Christian charity. Along the way we hope to help attendees learn biblical tools for having these kinds of conversations in a way that builds relationships rather than destroy them. This roundtable will be guided by the question, "How should followers of Jesus participate in politics?"

Also, by way of reminder, childcare is not provided for 9 AM classes unless otherwise noted in the class description.

- 5) Diversity Discussion Group - Following the gathering next Sunday will be the next meeting of the diversity discussion group. This is for anyone interested in helping our church grow in diversity. Please plan on bringing your own bag lunch.
- 6) Fall Soccer Festival and All-FG Outreach - This Saturday, October 23rd from 3-6 PM - We are excited to officially unveil the new soccer pitch as part of a fall festival for our community. Today at 5 PM will be an all-FG gathering in order to pass out invitations. This will replace your normal group meetings for the week.
- 7) Mantioch - Saturday, November 19th - Antioch men are having a bonfire hangout at the building. If you have questions see Josh Flint.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is a reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing.

Church God has chosen his people to be a blessing for all the ends of the earth. If you know Jesus, that means you! Leave this gathering empowered by the Spirit to seek and save the lost among us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.
