

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Dying in Faith, Genesis
23:1-20 - Bradley Bell

November 15, 2020

Genesis 12-25: Blessed to Be
a Blessing

Call to Worship - Hebrews 11:13-16

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Hear this word about saints who have gone before us:

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:13-16

Let us then enter today's gathering with a call not to look back as though we belong to this past week or this passing world, but with a call to look forward as strangers and exiles bound for the promised land where Christ is King...

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Confession - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Hear the word of the Lord from 2 Corinthians 4:

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Let's pray this confession of faith together:

Father, in a world that seeks to avoid death at all costs,
Congregation: We confess that we must pass through death on our way to life.
And in the face of our greatest enemies of sin and death,
Congregation: We confess that death shall not have the final word. Amen.

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Living Hope

Evidence of Grace - Parent-Child Dedication

Sermon - Genesis 23:1-20

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Announcements & Benediction - Mark 12:26-27

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving and visitors - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Food Pantry - Join us this Saturday at 9:30 for our monthly food pantry. This is an opportunity to serve our neighbors, which will be especially important prior to Thanksgiving. See our deaconess of mercy, Kari Crigler, for more information.

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

Church, your God—the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob—he is not the God of the dead but of the living. Therefore, may you go with your heart buried in the promised land and inviting others to join you. (based on Mark 12:26-27)

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

Congregation: We are sent.
