

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Beloved Son, Luke
3:21-38 - Bradley Bell

February 28, 2021

Luke: Upside Down

Praise the Lord

Call to Worship - Isaiah 42:1-4

We begin each gathering with a call to worship. This is a word from Scripture that is meant to go off like an alarm clock for our souls. Hear this from the prophet Isaiah:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Isaiah 42:1-4

The announcement that God is making to us here, is about his chosen Son, Jesus Christ. Even though he is the One who is powerful enough to bring forth justice to the whole world, he is also so tender that a faintly burning wick he will not quench. There is no one like him! So let's heed the alarm clock, and worship him together...

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Confession - Psalm 19:12-13

For today's time of confession and dependance on the Lord, hear these words from Psalm 19:

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Psalm 19:12-13

In the past few weeks we have all heard the disturbing news of Ravi Zacharias and his hidden sinful misconduct. We should lament this, and grieve for those who were harmed, and for how this reflects on the name of Christ to a watching world.

It should also lead us to humble prayer, to confessing and bringing into the light our own hidden sins and temptations. Let's take a moment to quiet our hearts before the Lord, hear any conviction he wants to speak, and confess our sins to him.

[Silent prayer]

Lord, we know our tendency is to hide our ill desires and temptations,
allowing them to give birth to sinful action.
Therefore bless us with the fellowship of a true community,
bonded by holy love
that walks together in transparency, conviction, and generosity of spirit,
wherein we might daily avail ourselves of such means of grace
that we would live more accountable, and less likely to harm. Amen.
(from "A Liturgy for Those Who Have Done Harm," Every Moment Holy)

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

King Of Kings

Sermon - Luke 3:21-38

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

New Again

Announcements & Benediction - 2 Peter 1:17

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 - 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 you can give on our website or through GivApp.

Soccer update - We are excited to announce that we have reached our goal of \$5000—thanks for your generosity!

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) Antioch Kids- Antioch Kids volunteers are needed! We need members who are willing to serve in our 2-3 year old class and 4-5 year old class. We hope to reopen the first of March. Please let Shannon Hunsucker know if you can serve our kids.

3) Multiplication Training - Starting next Sunday March 7th in the training room @9 AM for anyone who wants to take part. Each week we will cover one of the other 4 identity trainings. This is a perfect opportunity to be refreshed and catch one that you may of missed in the past if you would like to receive your patch or stamp. Todd Robertson will be leading next Sunday's evangelism training.

4) Refuge Volunteer Preview - If you missed the training this morning and want more information you can go on our Antiochfamily facebook page or to your email and click the form to sign up to receive a video link of a pre-recorded preview. See Matt Reynolds if you have any questions about how you can get involved with Refuge.

We begin each gathering with a Call to Worship and we end with a Benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, when Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father, the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased". May you go knowing that God says the same of you, and pointing others to his beloved Son. (based on 2 Peter 1:17)

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.
