

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The True Story of Jesus,
Luke 1:1-4 - Bradley Bell

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Luke: Upside Down

Call to Worship - 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Let's begin today's gathering with this word from 2 Corinthians:

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

Have you ever thought about the fact that calling people to worship is actually audacious? Who are we to say what people should worship? Well, the reason why we can call ourselves and others to worship, is because it is a response to the most significant acts that God has accomplished in human history: not something far off in a heavenly realm, but something right here on earth. We have seen God's face in the Person of Jesus Christ. So let's respond to this light by lifting our own faces and worshipping the risen Christ...

We Are Listening

Confession - 1 John 1:1, 3

For our confession today listen to these words from the Apostle John:

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life... that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:1, 3

The reason why we fill our gathering with Scripture from beginning to end is because it's completely trustworthy. It is based on historical fact by those who were eyewitnesses to God's work in the world. That, too, is audacious to the world. But let us confess this together, which is at the top our beliefs statement as a church:

Congregation: We believe God wrote the Bible through men without error.

Amen! And thanks be to God for his word.

On Christ The Solid Rock

Behold Our God

Sermon - Luke 1:1-4

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Christ Is Risen

Announcements & Benediction - Acts 4:19-20

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.

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) Baptism emphasis- This month we are having an emphasis on baptism. We will have a class available on the 21st for anyone who is interested in learning more or anyone who might be ready to take that step. Please let one of the pastors know if you have any questions.

3) 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.

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, in a world that says, "That's fine if it's true for you, but it's not true for me," may you go speaking of the One who has been seen and heard. (based on Acts 4:19-20)

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.
