Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Experiencing the Gospel, Ephesians 1:15-19, Trey Moss

March 1, 2020

Ephesians: Into the Fullness of Christ

In Christ Alone

Call to Worship - Patrick Roosa

Good morning and welcome to Antioch! My name is Patrick and I'm one of the pastors here. It's good to see everyone this morning! Hear this call to worship:

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Congregation: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Congregation: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Congregation: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

(Based on John 4:24 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Worship Sourcebook, p. 554)

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Confession - Worship Team

In Exodus 34, when Moses makes the new tablets, he goes us to Mt. Sinai and,

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said,

Congregation: "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance." Exodus 34:5-9

This is the proper response when confronted by the Lord. Let's ask God now to search our hearts, to see if there is any wicked way within us, and then lead us in the way everlasting.

[Silence]

Only A Holy God

Giving - Worship Team

Church, Christ was raised from the dead, and seated at the right hand of the Father, where he was given dominion and authority over all things. This truth leads us to worship, and it leads us to give with glad and generous hearts.

Church, now is our time for giving. If you're a visitor for the first time this morning please take a visitor's card. If you're either a visitor or not a Christian, we're not asking for anything this morning. We hope this service is a gift to you.

Goodness Of God

Posturing Prayer - Worship Team

Evidence of Grace - Bradley Bell and Jason Hunsucker Interview with Trey Moss

Sermon - Experiencing the Gospel, Ephesians 1:15-19, Trey Moss

Communion - Trey Moss

Living Hope

Assurance - Worship Team

Church, does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Congregation: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more. (New City Catechism, 25)

Death Was Arrested

Announcements & Benediction - Robbie Gouge

[prayer]

My name is Robbie and I'm a pastoral candidate here at Antioch. Thank you for gathering with us today! Know that this was only a glimpse of the life of Antioch. Join us this week at one of our Family Groups where we truly seek to live out the Christian life together. You can find Family Group info cards on the wall to the left outside of the auditorium, or you can see one of the pastors for help finding a group.

If you are a visitor today I hope you feel welcome! We are glad you're here. If you filled out a visitor card please give it to anyone with a lanyard or simply leave it in your chair if that's more comfortable for you. Here are a few strategic next steps from today's gathering:

1) Men's Formation Training - Men's Formation Training will conclude this Tuesday, at 7 pm in the training room. Antioch women, your training will then begin on March 10th. As you counsel yourself and others with the gospel, remember to glue a piece of wood on the mosaic in the back. For more info, see Jason Crigler.

2) Missionary Care Team - Missionary Care Team will meet this Thursday at the Groce's home at 7 pm. This is an opportunity for advocates to share updates and to pray over our sent ones. This is a tangible way you can be a co-worker in God's global mission, so all are welcome. For more information, see me.

3) Baptism Class - Finally, we will be having a Baptism Class following the gathering on Sunday, March 15th. If you're interested, please sign up in the back so we can make preparations for lunch and childcare.

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. For this week's benediction we have the special privilege of praying over a care team we are sending to one of our distributed members, Sandy Dicus.

3 John tells us that we "do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God...[that] we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth." Part of our covenant to distributed members is to "provide care visits with the goal of one per term". Sandy's advocate, Shannon Hunsucker, along with Maggie Hunsucker and Cherise Payne, have volunteered to visit and care for Sandy over the next week. World events like coronavirus and political unrest provide a sobering reminder of the environments our distributed members endure, and the dangers we embrace in sending care teams. And yet, we are compelled to send in a manner worthy of God, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

At this time we would like for Shannon, Maggie, and Cherise to gather at the center of the aisles. Church, any of you who would like to join in laying hands on them and praying for them, we invite you to do so now. I will lead us in this time of prayer, and then close us with a blessing.

[prayer]

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.