

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Prophet King, Luke
4:14-30 - Bradley Bell

March 14, 2021

Luke: Upside Down

Messenger Doxology #1

Call to Worship - Isaiah 61:1-3

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Let's be honest, when we enter a gathering like this we don't always feel excited to worship. Our hearts and minds drag in heavy things from the week, and sometimes we feel out of place. But listen to these words that the prophet Isaiah to God's people when they were in exile and probably didn't feel excited about worship:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3

The beautiful thing we're going to learn today is, Jesus Christ came and fulfilled those exact words. And not just for God's Old Testament people, but for all people who find themselves exiled because of their sins. So come before the Lord today in the name of Jesus Christ, that he may be glorified...

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Confession - Mark 2:15-17

The Gospel of Mark tells us this:

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Mark 2:15-17, NIV

When we encounter the compassion of Jesus, it's easy for us to assume it automatically applies to us, as though we deserve it. But the focus of Jesus' ministry was upon those who felt they were too bad for God. Do you recognize that your soul needs a doctor? Let's pray:

Holy Father, in this season of Lent, in which we are preparing our hearts for the coming days of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, we pray that you would help us first to know our need, and to approach the compassion of your death and resurrection not with entitlement, but with desperation. For in our need, we trust you will supply. Amen.

Majesty

Behold the Christ

Evidence of Grace

At Antioch we define the biblical office of deacon as a man or woman who is a lead servant in a ministry of the church. That includes five overarching elements:

They serve as people who are devoted and reliable
They administer by carrying out the vision of the pastors
They empower by mobilizing other members to serve
They mediate by keeping the peace
They advocate by representing the needs of their ministry

Deacons must be qualified according to 1 Timothy 3:8-13:

8 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. 9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. 11 Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. 13 For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:8-13

At Antioch new deacons may be added after being nominated by members of the body or the pastors. After examination and consideration by the pastors, deacons can then be affirmed by a consensus vote of the pastors.

On behalf of the pastors I am excited to present a number of new deacons today:

Emily Cain as Deaconess of Hospitality
Josh Flint as Deacon of Men
Andy Oliveras as Deacon of Security
Marcus O'Malley as Deacon of Soccer

Each of these lead servants have been tested and proven themselves blameless and fit for their respective roles in this season of Antioch. We'd like to present them with a symbolic gift, a wooden basin to remind them of their Savior who washed the feet of others. Now let's show our affirmation of them serving in this way (applause).

And while we're talking about leadership this morning, we'd also like to follow up and announce that the congregation has approved Aaron Kiefer to enter the pastor development process. Thanks be to God for raising up leaders in our church! Let's pray...

Sermon - Luke 4:14-30

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Glorious Day

Announcements & Benediction - Luke 4:18-19

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! If you tuned in by livestream, we're so glad, but we would invite you if you are physically able to come and worship with us, as there is no substitute for the in-person fellowship of the believers. And as we also intentionally say, this gathering 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 a few next-step 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) FG Outreach - This evening we will gather for an all-FG outreach. We are planning to prayer walk the neighborhoods and pass out door hangers to invite to our Good Friday and Easter gatherings. This will take the place of your normal scheduled FG time for that week. We will meet at the building at 5pm. Please everyone plan take part in this.

3) Food Pantry - This next Saturday at 10am is Food Pantry. This is a great way to meet our neighbors to build intentional gospel relationships! Kari will need helpers to make up boxes on Friday and to give it out at the drive-thru pantry on Saturday. See her if you have questions!

4) Multiplication Training - The next step in our Multiplication Training will take place next Sunday at 9am before the gathering. Its focus will be on hermeneutics—that is, how to interpret the Scriptures and teach others to do so.

5) Arts Open Studio - Antioch Arts will host an Open Studio on Saturday, March 27, from 9-12. If you are a creative, or if you are simply interested in how music, visual arts, film, poetry, literature or any other creative expressions plays a part in our walk with the Lord, we'd love for you to join us. This is a great opportunity for us to collaborate with each other artistically and grow as a congregation. If you have any questions, contact Josh Thomas.

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, because of what Christ has done, the Spirit of the Lord is upon you. Therefore may you go proclaiming good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed, and the year of the Lord's favor. Based on Luke 4:18-19

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.
