

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Joy Set Before Us, Luke
5:27-39 - Bradley Bell

April 18, 2021

Luke: Upside Down

Rejoice

Call to Worship - Psalm 16:4-6, 9-11

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church. Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 16, and read the underlined portions with me:

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Congregation: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Congregation: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:4-6, 9-11

As we enter today's gathering, we recognize that the last thing that may be on your mind is rejoicing. The week hangs heavy on us and the enemy distracts us. But if God has revealed himself—and he has—then this should be less like a funeral and more like a wedding. So let's not linger in sorrows, but let's enter into his presence, where there is fullness of joy...

His Mercy Is More

Confession - Psalm 51:10-13

We read this in Psalm 51:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Psalm 51:10-13

Church, if our confession and repentance only leads us to guilt or sorrow or sacrifice, then there's a good chance it's not repentance. When we recognize our sin, confess it to the Lord, and receive his glad mercy, then we are restored to his joy. Let's take a moment and silently pray this passage to God...

[silent prayer]

Lord, we come to you as sinners. Restore us, that we might go with you to sinners.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow

Sermon - Luke 5:27-39

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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Announcements & Benediction - Hebrews 12:2

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, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us and we'll make a direct connection for you.

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.

Visitors - 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) Workday - This Saturday April 24th there is a workday here at the building. We need many volunteers to take care of the many things on our to-do list, such as: Outside work - fronts beds, weeding, etc. (if weather permits) and inside cleaning and installation of security cameras. The Day will start at 10am. See our facilities manager Jason Cox if you have questions.

3) Women's Bible Study - We're excited to announce that we'll be having a Spring Women's Bible Study in the book of Nehemiah. Here's how it will work: our first meeting will be Sunday May 2nd @9:15am in the training room. For the rest of the study you'll meet with your assigned small group at a time and place that you determine. Please sign up on the sheet at the side table so that you can be placed in small groups. Also if you have questions see our deaconess of women, Katie Bell.

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, for the joy of helping you follow him, Jesus endured the cross. Now may you go experiencing the joy of helping others follow him. (based on Hebrews 12:2)

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.
