

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Lord of the Sabbath,
Luke 6:1-11 - Bradley Bell

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Luke: Upside Down

Great Are You Lord

Call to Worship - Genesis 2:1-3

As we gather on this Sabbath day, hear these words that came at the end of God's creation of the world:

Genesis 2:1-3 - Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

From the very beginning, God has invited us into his sabbath rest. But the reality is—we are restless. We struggle to stop, to put our work down, to give our full attention to God. But don't let that be the case this morning! Let's pray this together, which was written by the early church father Augustine (say the underlined portion with me):

O Lord of the sabbath,
You have made us for yourself,
Congregation: and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Amen.

Sooner Count The Stars

Confession - Hebrews 4:9-10

It's not just the Old Testament that speaks of God's sabbath rest, but the New Testament as well. Hebrews 4 tells us,

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Hebrews 4:9-10

Sabbath rest is about far more than just taking a day off each week. Ultimately, it's about laying down our work to be right with God, and instead trusting in Jesus' finished work on the cross. So take a moment to read these lyrics from the hymn Rock Of Ages, and then we will pray them together out loud. (wait just a few seconds) Let's confess this together:

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Cornerstone

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Sermon - Luke 6:1-11

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Announcements & Benediction - Matthew 11:28-30

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 side 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 aren't asking for your money, we are just glad that 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 baskets on the side table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) FGLC- No regular FG meetings this week as our family group facilitators, seconds, and hosts will gather tonight for a family group leaders celebration. If we truly believe that family groups are the most important part of our church, then our family groups leaders deserve rest and celebration. It's been a hard year for leaders, so take advantage of this week to let them know you're grateful for them.

3) Women's Bible Study - Next Sunday begins our Spring Women's Bible Study in the book of Nehemiah. Here's how it will work: our first meeting will be at 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 not received an identities keychain, you can pick them up at that same table this morning.

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, even though you once labored and were heavy laden, Jesus has now given you rest. Therefore may you go, enjoying and extending his gift of sabbath rest to a world that is working itself to death. (based on Matthew 11:28-30)

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.
