

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Opened Eyes, Burning
Hearts, Luke 24:13-35 -
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Luke: Upside Down

Call to Worship - Luke 24:1-7

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Happy Easter! Easter doesn't just bring good news, it brings the best news. Let's allow this amazing announcement call us to worship today:

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." Luke 24:1-7

Church, if Jesus Christ is just another person who is dead and buried, then we are of all people most to be pitied. We would be dead people worshipping a dead man! But if Jesus has risen from the dead, then he is Lord and Savior and King and Judge—and he has authority to raise from the dead all who hope in him. So wherever you are in regard to Jesus today—whether near or far—let's confess this truth echoed since the very first Easter:

Christ is risen!
Congregation: He is risen indeed!

Christ Is Risen

Death Was Arrested

Confession - John 6:44

Let's take a moment to consider these words of Jesus from John 6:44:

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44

Sometimes we might wonder, if Jesus is truly risen from the dead, then why isn't he walking around on the earth—that would seem to make it easier to believe in him! But the reality is, even if Jesus walked into this room right now, we could only believe in him if the Father opened our eyes. Our sin blinds us to the truth.

Let's take a moment to confess to God our dependence on him to draw us to Jesus and to raise us up on the last day.

Living Hope

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Sermon - Luke 24:13-35

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Nailed To The Cross

Announcements & Benediction - Acts 2:42

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) 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) Antioch Men - There will be a men's event (Mantioch) this Saturday, April 10th here at the building at 6:30 PM for compass training and a bonfire. See our deacon of men, Josh Flint, for more info.

3) Missionary Care Team - Will meet at 8 AM this Sunday, April the 11th. Please mark this change and look for the link to the Zoom call in the Sunday followup. See our pastor or global sending, Robbie Gouge, for more info.

4) Next Sunday Gathering - A few important things:

- Before the gathering - Diversity Discussion Group - 9am, training room
- During the gathering - restart of Antioch Kids
- After the gathering - popup to celebrate the end of our identities emphases

5) Easter Feast - As we mentioned last week, we want to encourage you to celebrate Easter today by feasting together. If you are able, invite friends and neighbors (remember those in our midst who don't have family in town). We have also shared a liturgy via facebook and email that you can use at some point during your meal.

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, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Therefore may you go with opened eyes and burning hearts, making him known as you break bread with others. (based on Acts 2:42)

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.
