

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

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The Upside Down Kingdom,  
Part Two, Luke 6:27-49 -  
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Luke: Upside Down

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## ***Come Thou Fount***

### **Call to Worship - Psalm 18:23; 32:6**

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Once again we gather here together, and it seems there are so many stressful things happening in our lives and world. The news brings bad news, our phones buzz constantly, bidding us come to something else that would distract us, and our hearts are tired and heavy. In the midst of this, we need a rock that is higher than the flood around us. So take in these words from the Psalms (and say the underlined portion with me):

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Congregation: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. Psalm 18:2-3; 32:6

Wherever you are today, the godly response to the flood of life is not to get it together, but to carry our tired and heavy hearts up onto the rock that is the Lord. In our worship today let's call upon him while he still may be found...

## ***Rock Of Ages***

### **Confession - Lamentations 3:40-42**

The Bible calls us not only to look upward to the Lord, but also to look inward upon our hearts. This is what we are told in the book Lamentations:

Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: "We have transgressed and rebelled, and you have not forgiven." Lamentations 3:40-42

Church, we enter into confession together each week not in order to earn God's forgiveness, but to remember our need for it. Let's take a moment and examine ourselves; if the Lord brings a sin to mind, confess it to him; because when we do, he is faithful and just to forgive us...

## ***All I Have Is Yours***

### ***Jesus Is Better***

### **Sermon - Luke 6:27-49**

### **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

## ***Cornerstone***

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## **Announcements & Benediction - Romans 5:8**

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) Arts Open Studio - This Saturday from 10-1 will be our next Arts Open Studio. This is a space for all our creatives and artists to encourage and collaborate with one another, and to cultivate God's beauty in our church. See Josh Thomas for more info.

3) Soccer 101 - Next Sunday our 9 AM class will be Soccer 101, which is a basic introduction to soccer for those who aren't familiar with it. This will be led by Nathan Robertson. Other upcoming classes are listed outside the training room as well as on our website ([antiochpeople.org/classes](http://antiochpeople.org/classes)).

4) Food Pantry volunteer interest meeting - Next Sunday after the gathering there will be a ten minute meeting in the training room for everyone interested in serving at Food Pantry. Next month we will be moving bringing people back into the building, which creates more opportunities to build relationships and requires more volunteers.

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, God has demonstrated his own love toward us in that while we were still his enemies, Christ died for us. Therefore may you go into a world of God's enemies, and by the power of Christ, love them as he has loved us. (based on Romans 5:8)

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.

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