

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Divine Wardrobe,
Ephesians 4:17-24 - Bradley
Bell

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Ephesians: Into the Fullness
of Christ

Call to Worship - Isaiah 61:10-11

Good morning, and thanks for joining this online service of Antioch Church! Hear this word from the prophet Isaiah. Please read the underlined portions with me:

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,

Congregation: for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

Congregation: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:10-11

Church, the Lord God has clothed and covered you with new garments of salvation and righteousness, and so now, wherever we are, whether in our living room in Kentucky, or if you're one of our distributed members watching somewhere on the other side of the world, the Lord calls us to praise Him before all the nations with a heart of thanksgiving! Let's sing.

Death Was Arrested

Confession - Genesis 3:6-7, 21

Genesis 3:6-7 says this:

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Church, in our struggle with sinful desires we so easily return to our old way of life. And we end up trying to cover up our shame. But our calling is not to weave, but to wear. To put on the righteousness and holiness of Christ that God alone provides, just as Genesis 3 continues,

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Genesis 3:21

This takes us daily returning to the cross in repentance and faith. So let's take the next few minutes and do that. If you would, while Lydia leads us in this next song, just quiet your heart before the Lord in a posture of repentance. You don't have to sing, you can just listen to the words and ask the Spirit to convict you of your sin and wash you anew, and church, turn to Christ in faith.

Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow

His Mercy Is More

Posturing Prayer

Sermon - The Divine Wardrobe, Ephesians 4:17-24

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Announcements & Benediction - Revelation 3:4-5

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is 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 in one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Just a few announcements as we go, which serve as important next steps in response to the good news we've heard today:

1) Giving - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in a gathering, this is the time in our meeting when we remind one another to continue giving as we are able. The various ways you can do that are listed on the screen, but the most important way is with a glad and generous heart in response to what God has done for us.

2) Antioch Mercy - Those of you who have already been participating in our Antioch Mercy initiative, thank you! This week we will be sending out cards to our neighborhood, letting them know about this service, so please continue to let Kari Crigler know if you are able to help.

3) Returning to Livestream - As a first small step toward "reopening" Antioch a small team will begin livestreaming from the building again starting next Sunday. Also, Family Groups will soon be discussing different options for safely connecting in person. Please know that in all these things we are seeking to be mindful of the needs and consciences of everyone.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. Church, receive today's benediction from the words of Christ to the church at Sardis in Revelation 3:

Although you will be tempted to soil the clean garments in which you have been clothed, may you continue to put on Christ. And having walked worthy in the world, may you conquer and be clothed forever in garments of white. (based on Revelation 3:4-5)

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.
