

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Chosen, Genesis
25:12-34 - Bradley Bell

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Genesis 25-36: Learning to
Limp

Call to Worship - Acts 2:17-21

Today is a special day in the rhythms of the church: it's what we call Pentecost Sunday. This commemorates fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, when God sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples on the day of Pentecost. On that special day, and throughout church history, Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. It anticipates the renewal of all creation.

So let's declare this together from Acts 2:17-21 (say the underlined portion with me):

And in the last days it shall be,
that God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh
and our daughters and sons shall prophesy,
our old ones shall dream dreams,
and our young ones shall see visions;
and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

Congregation: Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

Yes church—in celebration of the Spirit, and in anticipation of the renewal of all things, let us call upon the name of the Lord...

Oh How I Need You (Find You)

Confession - Hebrews 12:15-17

Today as we return to Genesis and open up the story of Jacob and Esau, let's receive these words about them from the book of Hebrews:

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. Hebrews 12:15-17

Even though the grace of God comes to us as a free gift by faith, it calls us to respond with the effort to live holy lives. But we are often unholy like Esau, who just did whatever felt good, because he couldn't see past his own urges. Let's pray this together from Psalm 32:

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. Psalm 32:2-3

Take a moment to confess to the Lord any unholy urge that you have been giving in to...

Now let's pray this together:

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Goodness Of God

Sermon - Genesis 25:12-34

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Only A Holy God

Glorious Day

Announcements & Benediction - 1 Peter 2:9

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) Soccer 201 - Next Sunday our 9 AM class will be Soccer 201. This is a wider overview of soccer for those who aren't familiar with it (history, global impact, vision, etc.). This will be led by deacon of soccer, Marcus O'Malley. Other upcoming classes are listed outside the training room as well as on our website (antiochpeople.org/classes).

3) Family Group Outreach - Next Sunday evening at 5pm will be an all-Family Group outreach. This time we will be distributing "Gospel to Every Home" resources to our neighbors. This will replace normal FG meetings that week. Please be in prayer leading up to this event.

4) Food Pantry volunteer interest meeting - This is directly after the gathering today. It'll be about a 10-15min meeting in the training room for everyone interested in serving at Food Pantry (snacks provided). Next month we will be moving back to the pre-Covid way of bringing people into the building, which creates more opportunities to build relationships and requires more volunteers. So please stay for this if you can. See Kari Crigler and Bill Stayton if you have questions about Food Pantry or any part of mercy ministry.

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, you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession; therefore may you go proclaiming the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (based on 1 Peter 2:9)

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.
