

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

God is Faithful, Genesis
26:1-28:9 - Bradley Bell

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Genesis 25-36: Learning to
Limp

Call to Worship - Psalm 33:13-15, 18-22

As we gather here on a Sunday morning, it's good for us to acknowledge that church is one of the most common places to hide our true selves. We often feel an unspoken expectation to look like we have everything together. Yet in reality, God looks at us and sees us as we really are. He sees what we are hiding from others, and what is even hidden from ourselves. And in response, he invites us to see him as he really is, and to acknowledge that he does have everything together. So hear these words from Psalm 33, and say the underlined parts with me:

The Lord looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;
from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.

Congregation:
Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. Psalm 33:13-15, 18-22

Amen! May it be true as we sing...

Grace Alone

Confession - 2 Corinthians 4:2

In 2 Corinthians we read these words about the apostles:

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2

This describes a life lived with nothing to hide. It's the freedom to be ourselves before God and others, rather than pretending to be something we're not. As God's people we have been given that freedom, but often it's not enough for us, and we hide. So make this your prayer this morning:

When I'm trying to impress
Congregation: See me and forgive
When I'm ashamed and withdrawn
Congregation: See me and forgive
When I'm afraid of what you'd say
Congregation: See me and forgive
When I'm doubting what you think of me
Congregation: See me and forgive
O faithful God, see us and set us free.

Lord I Need You

Sovereign Over Us

Sermon - Genesis 26:1-28:9

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

You Never Let Go

Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

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) Women's Bible Study- Next Sunday our 9 AM class will be the conclusion of our Women's Bible Study in the book of Nehemiah. All participants will gather in the training—and even if you haven't participated thus far, you are still welcome to come.

Other upcoming classes are listed outside the training room as well as on our website (antiochpeople.org/classes).

3) Family Group Outreach - Family Group Outreach has been postponed in light of Memorial Day weekend.

4) Missionary Care Team - The Missionary Care Team is the gathering of our Advocates who lead the care of the missionaries we have sent from our church. It will meet by zoom next Sunday morning. If you would like to participate, see our pastor of sending, Robbie Gouge.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is a reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing. Today's benediction will be a prayer of blessing for our youth who will be attending camp this week. Youth and youth leaders, please come forward at this time. Tanner Williams will be leading this prayer.

[prayer]

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Let's say this together: We are sent.
