

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Walk Worthy, Ephesians  
4:1-6 - Bradley Bell

May 3, 2020

Ephesians: Into the Fullness  
of Christ

## Call to Worship - Isaiah 66:1-2

Good morning and thanks for joining this online meeting of Antioch Church! My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. I know it may be challenging to get into the mindset of corporate worship when it's just you in your home in front of a screen. But the good news of our age is that, because of Jesus Christ, God is no longer worshiped on a holy mountain or temple, but anywhere that people worship him in Spirit and in truth. So hear this call to worship from the prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool;  
what is the house that you would build for me,  
and what is the place of my rest?  
2 All these things my hand has made,  
and so all these things came to be,  
declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:  
he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word. Isaiah 66:1-2

Just as we've been learning over the past weeks in Ephesians, God's house is his people, the church. So church, let us humble ourselves by getting in the mindset of true worship, and sing with united hearts despite the distance between us.

## *I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)*

### Confession - Colossians 3:11-15

Church, Jesus died to destroy all the divisions between us, so that in the church “there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.” In a world that continues to fight for power, we are free to be united, because all power belongs to Christ, and we belong to him. And yet we so often fail to maintain this unity. Let's confess this together from Colossians 3 (pray the underlined portions with me):

Father, where we have been quick to wield our opinions, you say  
Congregation: Put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Where we have harbored a complaint against another, you say  
Congregation: Forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven you.

And where we unravel relationships we can no longer bear, you say  
Congregation: Love one another, which binds everything together.

Forgive us Lord, that the peace of Christ may rule in our hearts, to which we were called in one body. Amen. (based on Colossians 3:11-15)

## *Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow*

### *Goodness Of God*

### Sermon - Walk Worthy, Ephesians 4:1-6

#### *The Reward of His Suffering*

## **Announcements & Benediction - John 17:11, 20-23**

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. Even though our Family Groups aren't gathering in homes at this time, we will still have online meetings through video-conferencing tools. If you would like to join in one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Church, a few important announcements before we go:

1) Giving - Thank you for your continued giving! This allows us to not only take care of our church's needs, but also to give toward needs both in our community and around the world. One of those needs relates to our distributed members, David and Carrie Wells, serving in Ecuador. They are helping to distribute food where it is desperately needy. If you would like to give directly to this need, above and beyond your regular giving, go to the Give tab on our website, then select the subaccount "Wells Ministry, Ecuador".

2) Antioch Mercy - As we announced earlier this week, we have rolled out a new initiative of Antioch Mercy to serve our community. We are mobilizing Antioch members who are willing to do any of these three things for those in need: pray and/or counsel, donate and/or deliver groceries, and call seniors and/or shut-ins. If you are willing, please notify our Deaconess of Mercy, Kari Crigler.

3) #DontWasteYourCrisis - Next week we will be releasing a special edition of the #DontWasteYourCrisis series as Brad will be interviewing Lynn and Suzanne Groce about investing in your marriage during this season. We hope this will be a blessing to couples in the church. There will be other topics soon to follow.

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 this blessing which comes from Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17:

Even though Jesus is no longer in the world, we are; and he is coming to us soon. Therefore, may the Father keep you, the body of Christ, that you may be perfectly one, even as the Father and Son are one. And may this be proof of the gospel you proclaim, so that the world may believe that God really did send his Son, and that he really does love us. (based on John 17:11, 20-23)

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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