

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

June 13, 2021 - 1 John 4:13-21 - Michael
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Praise the Lord

Call to Worship - Hosea 6:1-3

Church, we are living in a era when cultural, political, and religious common ground is fracturing all around us. We are seeing Christians and churches torn away from each other. We are watching what we've known as Evangelicalism being struck down. What do we do? Ignore it? Freak out? Get in the fight? Here is what the word of God tells us to do:

"Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let's say this together:

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth."

Hosea 6:1-3

Let's make that our prayer this morning! Let us press on to know the Lord, church! In this next hour, let us choose once again to return to the Lord that we may live before him.

I Am Set Free

Confession - Exodus 14:13-14

Hear these words of God's love:

And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." Exodus 14:13-14

Especially in troubled times it's easy for us to fall back into the fear that God has abandoned us. But God's perfect love has the power to cast out our fears. Let's make these lyrics our confession:

Does the Father truly love us?
Congregation: He does
Does the Spirit move among us?
Congregation: He does
Does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those he loves?
Congregation: He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
Congregation: He does

Now let's sing those truths without fear.

Is He Worthy?

Abide With Me

Sermon - 1 John 4:13-21

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sing To Jesus

Nailed To The Cross

Announcements & Benediction - 1 John 4:16, 19

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) No 9 AM classes - There will be no 9 AM classes next Sunday in light of Father's Day.

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

3) Food Pantry - One of the ways we "go" together is through Food Pantry. Join us this Saturday at 9:30, and remember we go back to our pre-Covid model—which means we need more volunteers.

4) Antioch Grounds - Join us in cultivating the facility and grounds that God has given us. There are many ways to serve including gardening, cleaning, painting, maintaining, and innovating. See our facilities manager, Timothy Wallis.

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. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, because of what Jesus Christ has done, you have come to know and believe the love that God has for you. Therefore may you go into a fracturing world, and be love to them as God has first been love to you. (based on 1 John 4:16, 19)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.
