

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Beautiful One, Genesis
29:1-35 - Bradley Bell

June 20, 2021

Genesis 25-36: Learning to
Limp

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Call to Worship - 1 John 3:1

Happy Father's Day! This is a special day because—no matter if you are a father or not—all of us have been impacted by biological and spiritual fathers in our lives. They are a living picture of the strength, protection, and leadership of God.

So we thank God for fathers. This is often a day in the church where we blast fathers and call them to do better. But instead let's make this a day where we encourage and affirm fathers in the divine task God has given them.

We also want to acknowledge that this is a hard day for many people. It can be a painful reminder of childlessness, singleness, neglect, broken relationships, empty nests, and fathers who have passed. These things are worthy of lament, and God the Father enters the sorrow with us.

Most of all, let's allow this celebration of fathers to lead us in celebrating our heavenly Father. Hear this word from 1 John 3:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1

Now let's announce this good news together:

You are my sons and daughters,
This day I have begotten you.

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

As many as received him,
To them he gave the right to called children of God.

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
But you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

Amen! Let's sing together of the Father who loved us so much that he sent his Son...

Fairest Lord Jesus

Confession - Galatians 6:7

In Paul's letter to the Galatians we read this:

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Galatians 6:7

One of the things that we learn from the life of Jacob is that the unresolved sins of our past sometimes come back to haunt us. But this is not karma. This is the work of a loving Father who wants us to stop running from him. Let's take a moment to quiet our hearts and ask God to reveal any way we are running from him, so that we can confess it to him...

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

King Of My Heart

Sermon - Genesis 29:1-35

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Here Is Love

All Glory Be To Christ

Announcements & Benediction - Psalm 16:6

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! If you tuned in by livestream, we're so glad, but we would encourage you if you are physically able to come and worship with us in person.

Giving - While we are sharing a few important next-step announcements, we are going to pass our giving baskets. Church, the giving of our finances to the work of the church is an important part of how we worship God. If you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give generously and cheerfully. If you're a visitor we ask you fill out a visitor card from the basket and give it to one of us at the end of the gathering. And if you're not a Christian, we're not asking for your money—this gathering is our gift to you!

Family Groups - Also, this gathering is only one part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our small groups that we call Family Groups, which meet in our homes. There is more info at the visitor entrance and on our website, but better yet talk to one of us.

Food Pantry - A quick celebration of what happened at Food Pantry yesterday: there were 87 people and 30 households served! And the gospel was proclaimed in both English and Spanish. Thanks be to God and thanks to all who volunteered!

9 AM classes - Next Sunday's 9 AM class will be session one of Growing In Healthy Relationships led by Tammy Stayton. This class will utilize a personality tool to help us develop a deeper sense of self-awareness and relational awareness (which we all need!). Please sign up for this class at the side table or let Tammy know so she can help you be prepared for the class.

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 Jesus Christ became ugly for you, now you have a beautiful inheritance. May you go to those who are chasing what they want, who are reaping what they've sown, and point them to the beauty of Jesus. (based on Psalm 16:6)

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.
