

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Walking Wisely in God's Will
By Being Filled with the Spirit,
Ephesians 5:15-21 - Gregg
Allison

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Ephesians: Into the Fullness
of Christ

Call to Worship - Psalm 96

Good morning and thanks for joining this online service of Antioch Church! I know some of you may be disappointed that we've switched back to this format, but we're still going to sing and hear God's Word preached this morning.

Hear this word from Psalm 96:

- 1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
 - 2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
 - 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
 - 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
 - 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
 - 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
 - 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
 - 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
 - 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!
 - 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
 - 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 - 12 let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 - 13 before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. Psalm 96

Sooner Count The Stars

Confession - Romans 12:2

Hear this from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

Church, let's confess our need for discernment in these confusing, polarizing days.

Congregation: God we need your wisdom. Teach us with your word what is true and what is good. Conform our minds and hearts to yours. Amen.

I Surrender All

King Of Kings

Guest Speaker Introduction

Good morning, church. I'm so excited to be introducing our guest speaker today, Dr. Gregg Allison. Dr. Allison is well known to many of you as a professor of Christian Theology here at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also the author of several books including Historical Theology, Sojourners and Strangers, and most recently a theology of The Holy Spirit. Dr. Allison also serves as an elder at Sojourn Church East and—many people don't know this about him—but he and his wife Nora once served as missionaries in Italy. No doubt about it, he has been one of the most influential leaders in my understanding of the local church. So when I thought of potential guest speakers during our time in Ephesians, Dr. Allison was at the top of my list. It's a joy to have him with us today.

Sermon - Walking Wisely in God's Will By Being Filled with the Spirit, Ephesians 5:15-21

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

Announcements & Benediction - Galatians 5:25, Romans 8:9

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. If you would like to join in one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Just a few announcements as we go, which serve as important next steps in response to the good news we've heard today:

- 1) Giving - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in a gathering, this is the time in our meeting when we remind one another to continue giving as we are able.
- 2) Youth Reminder - The next two weeks would have been the time for our Youth to attend their summer camp and their mission trip. Let's be in prayer for this great disappointment and remember to encourage this minority part of our church body.
- 3) Family Meeting - Our bi-annual Family Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 19th at 6:30 PM. This includes our mid-year budget update and other important matters. More details to come. The 19th is also when we will restart our in-person Sunday Gathering, along with communion.

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. Receive this from Galatians 5:25 and Romans 8:9:

Church, since you have been made alive by the Spirit, may you then walk in step with the Spirit, so the world may know that you belong to God.

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
