

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Justice of God, Genesis  
34:1-31 - Bradley Bell

August 1, 2021

Genesis 25-36: Learning to  
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## ***Messenger Doxology #1***

### **Call to Worship**

Good morning, church! (Introduce yourself) As we gather this morning, it's always good to stop and recognize how distracted we usually are when we come to a gathering like this. So let's take a posture of receiving and remember that it's God who has initiated communion with us. Hear this from the book of Isaiah:

Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Isaiah 55:1a, 2

The only one who satisfies completely is Jesus our King. Those lesser things that are fighting for our attention this morning? We don't have to pretend like they don't exist, but let's focus our eyes on Jesus, and allow the Spirit to calm our anxious, distracted minds and hearts. Amen? Let's continue to sing.

## ***Grace Alone***

### **Confession - Worship Team**

As we draw near to the Lord, we see His majesty, and it reminds us of our smallness; we see His strength and it exposes our weakness. And we see His holiness, and how it stands in such stark contrast to our sinfulness.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand? Psalm 130:3

Church, let's take just a moment to reflect on this. Silently, wherever you are, ask the Lord to show you how your heart has been drawn away from Him this week.

(Moment of silent prayer)

Though we mourn our sinfulness, we as believers in Christ can be assured of this:

But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared. Psalm 130:4

## **Psalm 1**

### ***Approach My Soul The Mercy Seat***

### **Sermon - Genesis 34:1-31**

### **Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

### ***How Deep The Father's Love For Us***

### ***You Alone Can Rescue***

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## **Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

**Giving** - First, we will be passing our giving baskets at this time. Church, it's your sacrificial giving that allows us to do things like support the work of the Criglers. If you're a member of Antioch we ask you to give 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.

**FG Outreach** - Speaking of Family Groups, next Sunday will be an all-Family Group outreach. We will meet here at 5 PM. See Weston Cronan for more details.

**9 AM classes** - Next Sunday is the last class of a four-week class titled "Theology of Work and Money" led by pastor Jason.

**Missionary Care Team** - Missionary Care Team is how we practically care for the distributed members we have sent to proclaim Jesus among the nations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate along with our Advocates. It meets this Thursday at 7 PM at the Groces.

**Antioch ladies**, mark your calendars! August 13th at 7 PM here at the church we'll be having a ladies' fellowship. Kara Beth will be sharing with us on 'Walking With Jesus Through Grief', Antioch women will be leading us in worship and prayer, and there will be refreshments to follow.

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 Maggie Hunsucker.

This is Maggie's last Sunday before starting her freshman year at Cedarville University. For years Maggie has served faithfully in running slides for our Sunday gatherings. This is nothing less than helping us to sing the word and hear the word! (By the way, we need more members willing to serve in this way!) Maggie, thank you so much! In order to express our gratitude as a church, we have contributed to a scholarship for Maggie that will be matched. Maggie, please join us at the center of the aisles as the church gathers round to pray for you.

Church, you will encounter evil this week, both in yourself and in the world. Where you are tempted to react with fury, remember that vengeance belongs to the Lord. Where you are tempted to fear, remember that Christ has overcome the world. Be bold and courageous, merciful and loving.

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.

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