

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

When Life Gets Interrupted,
Luke 8:40-56 - Bradley Bell

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Families Turning to the Lord

Call to Worship - Psalm 50:1, 14-15

Good morning and welcome to Antioch! Today we'll be learning how to turn to the Lord when life gets interrupted. Hear this word from Psalm 50 and let it call us to worship:

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting...Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:1, 14-15

Approach My Soul The Mercy Seat

Confession - Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15

Church, we have a great need for the Lord, and we feel it even more strongly in a season like this, where our life feels so full of interruptions. We need to see though, that what are interruptions to us aren't interruptions to God—He is good, and he is working for our good. Let's have believing and responsive hearts to that truth, even when it's hard.

Sovereign Over Us

Abide With Me

Evidence of Grace

Good morning everyone, I'm Patrick and I serve as one of the pastors here. It feels good to see you all from here, to be gathered together as a body. We haven't had a church wide evidence of grace in a while and I believe it's the first since re-convening in person. So just a little reminder as to what evidence of graces are, it is a time where we share about something that God is doing in our midst, or has done. We typically do these in family groups, but sometimes the evidence of grace is wider than just family groups, and it is something that we desire to have the whole church hear. This morning is such an opportunity, we want to recognize how the Lord works in our midst to run our church, his body. We are recognizing all of our volunteers that sacrificially run our family ministries. With COVID having changed the way we do ministry, we still haven't completely figured out how to re-start these ministries, but look forward to the day we do.

And it is still good and important to look back over the year to see how many people have given of themselves to share the good news of Jesus with our children. To exemplify what it means to be a follower of Jesus. And to say thank you. The Lord knows the work that you do in order to serve, and we as a church are taking a moment to recognize you as well.

Kids Ministry

Kari Crigler
Rayanne Turner
Emily Cain
Jessica Oliveras
Katie Bell
James Belmonte
Amanda Belmonte
Wendi Sarson
Paige Burton
Sarah O'Malley
Rebekah Flint
Josh Flint
Hayley Moss *
Alisha Roosa
James Powers
Audrey Powers
Emily Dahl
Kara Donathan
Lynnsy Defario
Chris Defario
Laura Donaldson
Lindsey Thomas
Crystal Kiefer
Aaron Kiefer
Stephanie Gouge
Kim Robertson
Jacob Harrod
Katie Harrod
Bryan Miller
Winona Miller
Lydia Cronan
Weston Cronan
Kathleen Williams
Khera Gray
Destiny Shelton
Elizabeth Yeiser
David Yeiser
Shannon Hunsucker

Young Disciples

Jeff Smith
Cassy Smith
Deborah Cramer
Cherise Payne

Youth

Jeremy Sarson

Patrick Roosa
Tammy Stayton

As you can see, our list entails over 45 people that serve our children on a monthly basis. Their roles include everything from scheduling to substituting to leading classes, to monitoring the hallway. Their commitments range from once every 4-5 weeks to every week. Some of our members have served in their roles for 10+ years. And we are thankful to the Lord in how you have each served our church body. We have a little gift for you in the back to show our appreciation for the work that you have done. Sincerely from the pastors and on behalf of the entire congregation, I want to express my gratitude for the work that each of you have done. Will you join me in a little round of applause in thanks to the Lord and in appreciation of our volunteers?

Thanks be to God, that he sustains his body. Allow me to pray for us.

Heavenly Father, who dwells on the throne and in the hearts of your chosen ones.

We come to you with thanksgiving this morning.

First we rejoice in the truth that you have reconciled us to yourself through the blood of the cross. We who are born again, rejoice that you are giving us new life in Christ.

Second we rejoice at how you put different people together for the purpose of worship and service to you, to make us a family. All the various parts, that we are not all just the same, but that you have fashioned us in a way that we all work together in tandem to bring you glory. This morning we thank you for all of the members that serve our children. Lord as parents we know how parenting can be hard for just one or two, but these members sacrificially serve in capacities that place 10-20 children in their care at a time, so we rejoice in their patience, and the ways they exemplify Jesus to our children.

Third, we would like to thank you for giving us the gift of children. How many of your body are scattered throughout this nation, have nurseries without any children, prepare Sunday school lessons for only 1 or 2 children, or do not even make plans for children because they have none. Lord in this we rejoice. Help us not see children in our congregation as a problem, but as a great opportunity. We see you raising up the next generation of your church amongst us and we have the opportunity to shape them for your glory and may we do that.

Now Lord as we turn our minds to feasting upon your word, will you grant us ears to hear what you have to say to us? Would you turn the hearts of those that are far from you to your son? Will you make the dead come alive? As your has resurrected from the dead, will you convict us of our sins and transform us for your glory? Lord, we love you and ask all these things in Jesus name. Amen

Sermon - Luke 8:40-56

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Always

Announcements & Benediction - 1 John 5:4-5

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 couple of quick announcements:

1) Giving & Visitor Cards - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed one on the back on the table and you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad 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 basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

We also have a special giving opportunity above and beyond your normal giving. David and Carrie Wells in Ecuador are ministering through food distribution and could use more funds. Our desire is to raise at least \$500, which we will match with another \$500 from the missions budget. You may designate a check or give online via GivApp (there is a line item for the Wells). Thus far we have raised \$360.

2) Food Pantry - We had a great turn out at food pantry yesterday. We served 30 families (118 individuals), and had 10 volunteers come out to help. It was really encouraging to be able to serve our community in this way again.

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.

And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5

Church, this is the victory that overcomes the world—our faith in Jesus the Son of God. This week may you implore, believe, and watch Jesus as he brings victory in and through your household.

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.
