

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Grace Forever, Ephesians  
6:21-24 - Bradley Bell

August 2, 2020

Ephesians: Into the Fullness  
of Christ

## Call to Worship - Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

Good morning Antioch! My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. Whether you are here in person or watching online, we are so glad you have joined us! We begin our services with a call to worship. Hear this from Psalm 136::

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
  - 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
  - 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
  
  - 23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
  - 24 and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
  - 25 he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
  - 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

## *Grace Alone*

### Confession - Ephesians 2:8; 3:17; 6:16

Church, we've been hearing throughout the book of Ephesians that we enter into Christ through faith. And it's by faith, we daily live in relationship with Christ. But we are so prone to wander from that truth and from our Savior. Let's confess our wandering to the Lord now and ask Him to help us stand firm in faith with the power of His Spirit.

## *Come Thou Fount*

## *Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)*

## Sermon - Grace Forever, Ephesians 6:21-24

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## **Baptism - David Yeiser**

Baptism is one of the most important steps of obedience a Christian can take. It is a declaration and display of the total salvation Jesus has already provided for us. A person is lowered into the water to symbolize the death of Jesus. Then the person is raised from the water to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus.

Today we have one person who is declaring his new life in Christ through baptism: David Yeiser. David, thanks be to God for what he has done in your life! Baptism not only means you have committed to be a disciple of Jesus, but it also means the church commits to help disciple you. Church, we should feel the weight of this responsibility! So join me as we take a moment to pray for David.

[prayer]

David's testimony, read by his mom, Elizabeth:

Elizabeth: I was building Legos and thinking about what me and my dad had been studying in Romans. When I realized it was 9pm, I got in bed. I thought more about what we had been studying in Romans. About the gospel and how it's the power of God that brings salvation for everyone who believes. And how it's faith in Jesus Christ that saves you.

While thinking about it, I felt a strange feeling, a feeling I couldn't describe, and I thought it was Jesus Christ knocking on my heart, telling me he loves me and wants me to turn away from sin and save me. I prayed about it and felt Jesus had entered. The next day I prayed about it more, and asked Him to come in again, and was sure Jesus Christ had entered my heart.

That night I told my dad and mom about Jesus Christ entering my heart. When I was younger I thought reading the Bible was boring. Now I am excited to keep reading the Bible more with my Dad and continue learning about God and what it means to be a Christian with the help of my church, my family, and the Holy Spirit.

Brad: David, one important question before you are baptized. What is your sacred confession?

David: Jesus is Lord!

Brad: David, come forward and step into the water. Your dad is going to help baptize you today. Our brother in Christ, it is our honor to baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Buried in the likeness of Christ's death; raised to walk in newness of life.

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

*Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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## **Announcements & Benediction - Ephesians 3:17-19; 5:1-2**

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).

2) New Paint - On your way out check out the new paint job we have on the back and side of the building!

3) MCT - Next Sunday at 8:30am via Zoom will be our next Missionary Care Team meeting. If you are interested in joining and praying, please let Robbie Gouge know.

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.

Church, may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Therefore may you be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (from Ephesians 3:17-19; 5:1-2)

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.

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