

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

When Children Walk Away,
Luke 15:11-32 - Bradley Bell

August 23, 2020

Families Turning to the Lord

Call to Worship - Psalm 127:1-3

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! My name is Jason and I'm one of the pastors here. Hear this call to worship from Psalm 127:

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Psalm 127:1-2

As a church that has been graciously given so many children, let us respond in worship and awe, remembering that we are desperately dependent on God to build these children into arrows for him...

Grace Alone

Confession - Isaiah 1:2, 4

Isaiah 1 tells us,

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me...Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. Isaiah 1:2, 4

Because of our sinful nature, all of us play the role of the prodigal son, even on a daily basis. Our worries and unbelief and pride make us prone to wander. Let's take a moment to confess ways we have left him for a far country this week...

All I Have Is Christ

Goodness Of God

Evidence of Grace - Psalm 127:3

Children are a gift from the Lord and what a gift of His grace we have to recognize today! On the slides you'll see we have listed all the promotion, kids who will make a move up to another age group or grade level. We also have on display out in the hallway posters that lists everyone enrolled so that you may go and see who all is in your class this year. We hope you get excited about the time when we can all be together again in our new classes with our new friends!

Promoting to Sprouts:

Anneliese Bell
Natalie Gouge
Cian O'Malley

Promoting to Saplings:

Charlotte Bell
Abby Kiefer
Weston Roosa
Alaric Sarson
Rose Thomas

Promoting to Young Disciples 1 and the Sunday Gathering: (for now we are all promoted to the Sunday Gathering so you're all getting practice for when this time comes for you!)

Roman Deferio
Caroline Kiefer
Chrissy Kuiper
Arthur Turner
Amelia Yeiser

Promoting to Young Disciples 2:

Ethan Case
Hellen Case
Luka Miller
Augustus Shelton
David Yeiser

Promoting to Antioch Youth:

Javier Case
Garrett Hunsucker
Wyatt Miller

Sermon - Luke 15:11-32

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

[How Deep The Father's Love For Us](#)

Announcements & Benediction - Luke 15:10

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.

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.

In Luke 15:10 we read, "there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." May you go knowing God rejoices over your repentance, and may you eagerly await the return of others who have walked away.

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.
