

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Blessed to Be a Blessing,
Genesis 11:27-12:9 - Jason
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Genesis 12-25: Blessed to Be
a Blessing

Call to Worship - Isaiah 43:1-3

Good morning and welcome to Antioch, both those of you here in person and those joining us by livestream. My name is Brad and I'm one of the pastors here. Just a reminder, as a safety precaution please wear your mask when singing or when moving about the building, though you can remove it once seated. Also the nursing mother's area is just across the hall and the nursery is also open for wiggly kids.

Well this is the time in our gathering for our Call to Worship. And true to 2020, we desperately need it as this week alone we've waded through another high profile shooting, a deadly hurricane, and politicians calling us to trust in an earthly kingdom. We are passing through troubled times, and we need an anchor to keep us from a shipwrecked faith.

So hear this word from Isaiah 43:

- 1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
(Isaiah 43:1-3)

Church, let's fix our eyes on Jesus and on his kingdom that cannot be shaken...

Death Was Arrested

Confession - Psalm 51:9-17

Let's pray this confession from Psalm 51 together, as we turn to the Lord and ask Him to forgive our sins and renew our joy. Please read the underlined portions with me:

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Congregation: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Congregation: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Congregation: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Congregation: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Sermon - Genesis 11:27-12:9

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

All I Have Is Christ

Announcements & Benediction - 2 Corinthians 1:10; 13:14

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 - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.
- 2) Visitors - 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.
- 3) Wells giving - Speaking of giving, here's a special update for you. Over the past few weeks we set a goal of raising \$1000 to support one of our distributed families serving in Ecuador, David and Carrie Wells, who are ministering through food distribution. We actually have raised over \$3000 total! Thank you for your generosity!
- 4) Baptism Interest - September is a baptism emphasis month, so if you are interested in baptism, please let myself or one of our pastors or staff know so we can prepare through our baptism class.
- 5) Survey - Finally, parents and Antioch Kids volunteers, please check your email and/or text messages today. There will be a survey sent out regarding potentially restarting Antioch Kids, Young Disciples, and Youth on September 13. Please respond promptly as this is your opportunity to contribute to the decision.

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, God has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us. So may you step out this week in obedient faith and worship, declaring the blessing of God made known to us through Jesus Christ. (based on 2 Corinthians 1:10).

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.
