

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Foot or the Face, Luke  
7:36-8:3 - Bradley Bell

September 26, 2021

Luke: Upside Down 2

## Call to Worship - Psalm 130:1-8

When we encounter God, it calls for a response. That response can be impersonal and distant and heady. Or it can be deeply personal and meaningful and whole-hearted. Even though you've made the effort to be here at a time in the week where most people are still in their pj's (maybe still in bed!), it doesn't automatically mean your heart is engaged in a deeply personal and meaningful way. So let's ask God to help us encounter him and respond to him (say the underlined portions with me):

Congregation:

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

Congregation:

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities. Psalm 130:1-8

## *His Mercy Is More*

### Confession - 1 John 1:8-9

1 John 1:8-9 tells us,

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A time of confession might seem like a downer each Sunday—but when we see the heights of God's glory and the depths of our sin, it prepares us to be wrecked by his grace. So take a moment to confess your need of him (and if you need it, there's a prayer on the screen):

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Church, when we are wrecked by God's grace, we respond by joyfully offering up our lives. Let's let this next song be an expression of that offering...

## *Take My Life And Let It Be*

## *Man Of Sorrows*

### Sermon - Luke 7:36-8:3

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

## *Now Why This Fear*

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## ***How Marvelous***

### **Announcements & Benediction - Luke 7:50**

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.

- 1) Giving & Visitors - [antiochpeople.org/give](http://antiochpeople.org/give)
- 2) Family Groups - [antiochpeople.org/familygroup](http://antiochpeople.org/familygroup)
- 3) Serving - [antiochpeople.org/serve](http://antiochpeople.org/serve)
- 4) Classes - [antiochpeople.org/classes](http://antiochpeople.org/classes)

Mercy Class - Next Sunday, October 3rd - This class will help us shape a theology of mercy ministry, and will give insight on how to practically demonstrate God's abundant mercy to the broken and hurting in ways that are helpful and wise. Led by Josh Thomas.

Baptism Class - Sunday, October 10th - This is an exploratory class for anyone considering baptism. Please sign up on the side table.

6) Fall Soccer Festival - Saturday, October 23rd - We are excited to officially unveil the new soccer pitch as part of a fall festival for our community. There will be more info to come as this will be an all hands on deck event.

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.

Church, Jesus Christ took the foot (even though HE didn't deserve it) so you could get the face (even though YOU didn't deserve it). Therefore may you go INTO peace, knowing your faith has saved you, and helping others to be wrecked by the same grace. Based on Luke 7:50.

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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