

Sunday Gathering

April 16, 2023 - Who Am I Now? 1 Peter
1: 3-9 - Todd Robertson

Call to Worship - Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 Peter 1:3

Church: He is Risen; He is Risen indeed!

Today continues what is called Eastertide, a season historically known for continuing the celebration of Christ's resurrection during the 50 days between his resurrection and Pentecost. Lent got 40 days of sorrow—but Eastertide gets 50 days of celebration!

So this morning we continue to celebrate Jesus Christ, the only One who proved himself worthy of resurrection. Hebrews 4:14-16 says,

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus embodied the holiness of God in the face of temptation, and yet knowing the depths of our sin, chose to extend grace to us as our great high priest anyway!

So let us respond in this way together:

Congregation: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, whose mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ!"

Praise Him Praise Him (Lifeway)

Confession - Romans 6; 1 Peter 1

During Eastertide, our time of confession will be more of a communal declaration of the truth rather than a confession of sin. Read the underlined portions with me as we pray through this declaration of resurrection power from Romans 6 and 1 Peter 1.

Sin and Death once reigned in the old self.

Congregation: But thanks be to God that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing.

Indeed, we were buried therefore with him by baptism into death.

Congregation: But thanks be to God that we share in Christ' death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For we who have died with Christ, believe that we will also live with him.

Congregation:

Father, it is you who has caused us to be born again to a living hope.

Spirit, it is you who has sealed us as a guarantee of our inheritance.

Jesus, it is you who is worthy of all praise, glory and honor. Amen.

Christ Is Risen

Living Hope

Sermon - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Jesus Loves Me

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Benediction - Philippians 3:20-21

You may be seated. Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus.

Family Groups - We invite you to visit one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week. We describe them as "intentional environments to be transformed by the gospel through relationships. If you would like to join one of them, there is info in the hallway, or talk with one of us, and we'll make a direct connection for you.

Giving & Visitors - Also, now is our time for giving—ushers, please come forward. If you are a visitor with us this morning, please grab a visitor card from the basket so we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat.

Antioch members, remember that giving is part of how we participate in God's mission. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the following steps:

1) Spring Soccer Clinics - Our Spring soccer clinics start this Saturday, April 22nd, and continue for four weeks (skipping the first Saturday in May, which is Derby weekend). This is a huge opportunity for us to bless our community and build intentional gospel relationships. Please grab some flyers on the side table to invite friends and neighbors. Also, a great way to participate is bringing your own children. You can register them at antiochpeople.org/youthsoccer. If your family group is interested in helping with a Saturday as a way of being on mission together, please see our deacon of soccer, Marcus O'Malley.

3) Multicultural Gathering - This coming Sunday, April 23rd will be our next multicultural gathering with Asha Church. If you didn't know, Asha is a Nepali congregation that was planted out of Antioch, and they worship here on Sunday afternoons. A couple times a year we worship together in English and Nepali, and then follow the gathering with a potluck. We will send information this week to family groups for bringing food. PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate our Nepali brothers and sisters, this gathering will begin at 11:00 instead of our usual 10:30.

3) Antioch Academy - Also on Sunday will begin our next Antioch Academy class. It will be a three-week book study through Carolyn Lacey's "Extraordinary Hospitality for Ordinary People". Books will be provided for anyone who pre-registers for the class using the sign up sheet at the side table. In light of the multicultural gathering beginning at 11:00, this and all other classes will also be bumped up to 9:30 instead of their usual 9:00.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship, and we end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to hold out your hands in a posture of reception:

Church, Jesus Christ has been given the power to subject all things to himself. Therefore may you go boldly proclaiming the living hope of him who will one day transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body. Based on Philippians 3:21

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

You are sent.
