# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Treasure of God, Luke 12:13-34 - Bradley Bell

# April 3, 2022

Luke: Upside Down 3

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#### 0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 104

How sweet it is for those who have gathered to worship together on a Sunday morning. You can hear it in the sounds of many conversations, which are always hard to bring to a close for the call to worship, and which immediately pick back up after the benediction. But if we were able to raise the hood on our hearts, we would quickly see that all of us enter in with troubles and uncertainties that threaten to make us anxious. We only have to take one look at the news, or one pass through the gas station, or one checkout at the grocery store to see that prices are rising all around us. Will they keep rising? Will we have enough? Where do we go with our anxious hearts?

We look to the God who offers his never-anxious presence, who is forever both rich and generous. Let's turn our attention and conversation to him; say this with me from Psalm 104:

\*\*Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty.\*\*

Listen to this declaration about him:

10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;

11 they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth

15 and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Let's speak this to him together:

\*\*We all look to you, to give us our food in due season. When you give it to us, we gather it up; When you open your hand, we are filled with good things. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!\*\*

Adapted from Psalm 104

0:00 Grace Alone [ Default Arrangement in E ]

## 0:00 Confession - 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 12:17-19

Hear the word of the Lord from 1 Timothy 6:

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Timothy 6:6-10

It's easy to point the finger at others who are wealthier than us and say, "THEY worship money, but not me." But the love of money doesn't just come in the form of greed, which says, "I can never get enough." It also comes in the form of worry, which says, "I'm afraid I may not have enough." Both keep us from gratitude, contentment, and generosity. Addressing this in the church is not a matter of guilting people into giving more money. It's an invitation to confess the sin of our covetous hearts, that God may forgive us and give us a better treasure. Take a moment and ask God to reveal what's under the hood, that you may confess it to him.

[short pause]

Now let's pray this together (which is the opposite of what the man prays in the parable of the rich fool):

\*\*"God, this is all yours. You have made my fields prosper. Show me how to express with my riches that you are my treasure. I already have enough. I don't need a bigger safety net. I do indeed want to make merry, but not in self-indulgent parties. I want to celebrate with people who have been helped by my generosity. I will say to my soul, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul!"\*\* Based on Luke 12:17-19

Amen.

0:00	Mv Worth Is	Not In What I Own	[Default Arrangement in A]
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- 0:00 *Promises* [ Default Arrangement in A ]
- 0:00 Sermon Luke 12:13-34
- 0:00 Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-28
- 0:00 How Deep The Father's Love For Us [Default Arrangement in D]
- 0:00 All Creatures Of Our God And King [ Default Arrangement in C ]

#### 0:00 Benediction - 2 Corinthians 8:9

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 - This gathering is only a secondary part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep 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. Church, giving is not simply paying the church's bills, but as we heard from God's word today, it's one way we express that we have a better treasure. If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp. If you are a visitor with us this morning please grab a visitor card from the basket so that we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat, and the pen is yours to keep.

#### Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always includes specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servants wall in the hallway after the gathering)

1) 9 AM Classes - Our study through the book of Micah will conclude next Sunday. After that we will take a break for Easter then kick off men's and women's Bible studies.

2) Security interest meeting - Following next Sunday's gathering there will be an interest meeting for the security team. We are currently in need of a few more servants in order to fill our Sunday rotation. If this sounds not-so-interesting to you, listen to this evidence of grace:

A couple of months ago we had a visitor who started to leave in the middle of the gathering. He said that he felt like he wasn't good enough to be in worship. However, before making it to the door a security servant talked with him and shared his own testimony, which he ended with, "If I can be here, anybody can be here!" Based on that conversation, the visitor decided to stay.

2) FG Outreach - Also next Sunday at 5pm will be an all-Family Group outreach. We will be prayer walking our neighborhood and handing out invitations to our Good Friday and Easter Sunday gatherings. This will replace all regular FG gatherings for that week. We already have the invitations printed, so please take some and begin inviting your friends and neighbors.

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

Church, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake, he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Therefore may you go into a greedy and worried world, and show them a better treasure. Based on 2 Corinthians 8:9

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

Let's say this together: We are sent.

## Audio/Visual

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### Band

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