

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Anchor for Children,
Psalm 78:1-72 - Bradley Bell

August 14, 2022

Antioch Family 2022

**Length
in mins**

**Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals**

0:00 Call to Worship - Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Every gathering here at Antioch begins with a call to worship. This is a call to hear, to leave our distractions and give our full attention. In the Old Testament there was a part of God's word called the Shema, which comes from the Hebrew word "to hear". God's people and their children would have memorized the Shema and used it as a daily call to worship. As I read it, hear God's ancient voice calling you to worship:

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

As a new school year kicks off, and as we enter into a sermon series that focuses on families, let's allow the Shema to be our vision: families worshiping the Lord together, and Antioch as one big family worshiping the Lord together. Pray this with me, based on the Shema:

O Lord our God, you are God, you are the only God. We love you with all our hearts, because you first loved us with all of yours. Amen.

0:00 *You Are Good* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 *Glorious Day* [Default Arrangement in B]

0:00 Confession - Hebrews 6:19-20

Church, on a day when we focus on our task of raising up the next generation to follow Jesus, one thing in their future is certain: there will be wind and waves. What they will need is an anchor. An anchor does not PREVENT a boat from being storm-tossed—instead it PREPARES it to hold fast. Thankfully the Bible speaks to us about such an anchor. Hear the word of the Lord from Hebrews 6:

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:19-20

The only thing that is guaranteed to anchor our children to God as they are released into adulthood is the good news of Jesus Christ. Therefore let us hold fast to that same anchor this morning by making the lyrics of this hymn our confession:

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
**I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed**

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
**I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed**

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
**I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed**

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

0:00 *Jesus Strong And Kind* [C in C]

0:00 Evidence of Grace - Promotion & Appreciation

0:00 Sermon - Psalm 78:1-72

0:00 Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

0:00 *Jesus Loves Me* [Page CXVI in B]

0:00 *King Of Kings* [Default Arrangement in D]

0:00 Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14

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. 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.

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) 9 AM Classes - Our adult 9 AM class will be taking a break next Sunday.
- 2) Antioch Arts - Next week, August 21st, right after the gathering, Antioch Arts will be having a luncheon here at the church. If you're interested in arts or creativity in any form—whether you are a maker or just someone who enjoys engaging with the arts—please stop by. This is not a team who produces art for the church, but an environment for growth and encouragement. If you have any questions on what this is all about, you can talk with Josh Thomas.
- 3) Food Pantry - Is this Saturday and volunteers should come at 9:30 AM. Food pantry ministry is a very practical way to meet the needs of our neighbors while building intentional gospel relationships. See Bill Stayton for more information.
- 4) Promotion Sunday celebration - Immediately following today's gathering we will be celebrating Promotion Sunday: there are refreshments on the front porch and an activity for kids in the training room. Please stay and hang out before you head off to lunch.

Also, immediately following the benediction Brad would like to see all singles (of all ages) here in the front. This is preparation for next Sunday's emphasis in the Antioch Family series on singles.

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. This week's benediction will be a prayer of blessing for one of our distributed members, Sandy Dicus, and her teammate, Ritsa.

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.

WE ARE SENT

0:00

Audio/Visual

Audio

Jason Cox

Slides

Jodie Sigrest

Band

Cello

Tim Donaldson 

Drums

Brian Sigrest 

Keys

Matt Reynolds

Vocals

Katie Harrod

Worship Leader

Aaron Kiefer