

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Good Samaritan, Luke
10:25-37 - Josh Thomas

February 20, 2022

Luke: Upside Down 3

**Length
in mins**

**Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals**

0:00 Call to Worship - 2 Corinthians 6:8-10; Lamentations 3:19-24

In 2 Corinthians 6, the Apostle Paul commends himself as a true servant of the Gospel not by recording a list of successes and victories, but instead, by listing a series of hardships and paradoxes that he had experienced in the Christian life. In the midst of this description of Paul's normal Christian experience, he writes that they are "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything" (2 Corinthians 6:8b-10).

To be sure, there is an "eternal weight of glory" that awaits the Christian after this life is through. But the Christian life on this earth is not easy. At best it's a mixed bag of joy with sorrow, life with death, plenty with lack—just to name a few.

But in our ups and downs, Scripture gives us great hope—oddly enough in the midst of a lament. Please read this with me:

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:19-24

This first song will likely be new to many of you. But it's a simple song. And it's an honest song. It confesses, "Another day, I could not face, without your goodness, your mercy, and your grace. I could not live in this terrible place without your goodness, your mercy, and your grace."

We'll sing it through a number of times. Jump in when you feel comfortable.

0:00 Goodness, Mercy, and Grace-Eb

0:00 Confession - Romans 12:9-10, 15-16, 21

Hear the word of the Lord from Romans 12:

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:9-10, 15-16, 21

Because we care about the reconciliation and diversity that flows from the gospel, we want to be a church that intentionally follows Jesus to the margins. While we acknowledge and celebrate the diverse witness of God's people year-round, Black History Month offers us a special opportunity listen and learn from brothers and sisters who have gone before us. And to do so means rejoicing with those who rejoice, and also weeping with those who weep. Let's take a moment to offer a prayer that is both thanksgiving and lament:

Father, this morning we dare attend to that which has so often gone without attention in the church, the church that you bought with your own blood, that there might be the same unity in diversity that we see in you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God.

For your beauty that has been on display in African American men and women, we thank you.

For your creativity that has been so vivid in African American culture and tradition, we thank you.

For your strength that has been breathtaking in the stories of African American perseverance through suffering, we thank you.

And yet also Lord, for the record of history that will continue to be a source of pain we may never fully understand, we lament.

And for the losses of life that have taken place in our streets, and the losses of fellowship that have taken place in our churches, we lament.

And for the empty forms of atonement that our culture believes will resolve injustice apart from you, we lament.

Father, we confess this together: only the blood of Jesus can atone.

So as we rejoice, and as we weep, we do so together, drawn to each other by the One whose eternal scars redefine our own. Amen.

0:00 *Give Me Jesus* [Winona key of G in G: G]

0:00 *You Are The Living Word* [Default Arrangement in C]

0:00 Sermon - Luke 10:25-37

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

0:00 *There Is A Fountain* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 *Let Justice Roll Like A River-A* [Default Arrangement]

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, where we seek 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 prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp. Antioch members, we encourage you to give joyfully. 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.

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always includes specific ways you can serve—see the servants wall in the hallway and take something off the plate of current leaders):

1) Membership Covenants - They are still available on the side table for previous covenant members to sign.

2) 9 AM Classes - 9 AM classes are back! That includes Young Disciples (grades 1-6) and Youth (grades 7-12). The adult 9 AM class for the next several weeks is a study through the book of Ruth. It's open to everyone and will meet in the Training Room. There will be coffee and childcare available.

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, go now with your heart, soul, mind, and strength fixed on God's goodness and never-ending mercy. May his love be the source of all your love for your neighbor.

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.

0:00

Audio/Visual

Lyrics

Jodie Sigrest

Sound

Timothy Wallis 

Band

Cello

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Drums

Brian Sigrest 

Keys

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Vocals

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