

# Sunday Gathering

Worship that Blesses Others,  
Isaiah 58 - Tanner Williams

January 21, 2024

Worship

## Call to Worship

When God created Adam and Eve, He chose to place them in a beautiful garden. Close your eyes for a moment and try to imagine yourself there. It was a place teeming with life and love between creation and the Creator. The situation was designed specifically to magnify His glory, a harmony of worship in a perfect place, with perfect people, toward a perfect God. Though Adam and Eve ultimately rebelled, that experience should be one that our hearts long for daily.

So even though we are far from perfect, and this building is also, believe it or not, far from perfect, we still serve a perfect creator who delights in our worship.

Let us sing together, and remember the blessing that it is to serve a God who hears and delights in our rejoicing.

## Your Great Name

## Confession

We are 3 weeks into January and for some, it may already feel like it's going to be a difficult year. The small things feel like monumental disasters, and the big things feel like another drop in the bucket for whatever is sure to follow. In these moments we often feel the inclination to pull away from God's promises rather than cling tightly to them. St. Augustine once said, "You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You." Our prayers and actions become less about moving closer to God and more about checking off a to-do list of things we hope might make us feel a little better.

Have you ever found yourself in this place? Maybe it's right now, maybe it was a long time ago, or maybe you just found your way out of it.

Take a moment to quiet your heart before God, and bring him this question:

Where can I find true rest?

In response to that question, Jesus tells us in Matthew 11, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Let us respond together with the conclusion of St. Augustine's plea:

"Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run... Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

## Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow

## Forever Reign

## Sermon

## Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

## What He's Done

## Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

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## **Benediction**

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) Member covenant signing has begun, please pick up your copy on the side table and return it to the tray after signing, we always encourage you to take one home and read it.
- 2) The 28th we are having a new members meeting at 9 am in the training room.
- 3) The Safe Church Team is meeting next week, the 28th after church in the training room, interested members are welcome, See Emily Adkins for more information.
- 4) Church Work Day February 10th from 9am to noon. We will trade coffee and donuts for a few hours of work helping keep our facility a welcoming place for all who wish to be part of our community now and in the future.

If you have questions, see Josiah Wallis

5) Box prep was completed on Friday but food pantry was postponed until next Saturday due to the weather. Doors will open at 9:30, servants should arrive at 9:30.

If you have questions, see Steve Leach.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and end with a benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing.

Church, may you leave here today with a humble desire to bless others. Not out of a selfish yearning to be seen or to feel better than others, but out of a pure desire to worship your Creator. Go from here knowing and shouting the news that Jesus' death and resurrection is the ultimate blessing that brings life to all who will listen.

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.

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