

Sunday Gathering

The One Who is Worthy of
Worship, John 6:60-71 -
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Worship

Messenger Doxology #1

Call to Worship - John 4:23-24

I am so grateful for each and everyone of you to join us this morning. Come, let us worship together.

But what does that word mean? Worship.

Is it merely the lifting of our arms or voices? Is it merely taking of the bread and cup each week? Is it merely fellowshiping with other believers? Is it merely hearing the Word preached?

No, it is the lifting of our hearts to God's throne, as Jesus told the Samaritan woman who was worried about how to worship rightly.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Let's lift our hearts up and engage our whole selves in a proclamation alongside every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea,

Revelations 5:13b

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Sooner Count The Stars

Confession - Isaiah 1:4, 15-16

When Israel went turned their hearts away from God He send Isaiah saying,

Isaiah 1:4

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. '

God then rebuked their outward only worship saying,

Isaiah 1:15-16

15 When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

Let us take a moment of silence and search our hearts.

[Silence]

If we are honest with ourselves our hearts are no cleaner than those of Israel's. But God says.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

'I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. '

God has cleaned you, let us sing together!

Death Was Arrested

Before The Throne Of God

Sermon

Nailed To The Cross

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

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) We are sell our 2024 MCT calendars today. \$10/each and we take cash, check, and card. Please check the table in the back to get yours today before they are all gone.

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.

As we go today, worship the one true God with your whole heart.

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.
