

Sunday Gathering

Rescuing the “Misreached”,
Jeremiah 23:1-8 - James
Powers

July 2, 2023

Sending Sunday

Call to Worship - Psalm 145:14-20

This week we are celebrating a Sending Sunday: a reminder of the ways that God has sent us to proclaim his salvation around the world. Yet before any of us can be sent out, we must first be brought near. Whether it was when we first believed in Christ, or when we walked through the doors this morning, God draws us in so that we may experience the blessings of life with him.

David, who was himself a shepherd, likens God’s provision to the way a shepherd provides for his sheep. Hear these words from Psalm 145 and recite the underlined portions with me.

14 The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
**15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**
16 You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
**17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.**
18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
**20 The Lord preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**
Psalm 145:14-20

Whether you’ve entered with a spirit of thankfulness for how God has provided for you this week, or with a spirit of need that is seeking God’s provision, let’s lift up our hearts to the Lord our shepherd.

New Again

Confession - 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Every day we experience a variety of leaders—good leaders, bad leaders, leaders in our family, leaders at work, leaders in political offices—you name it. And if you’ve ever experienced working for a bad boss, you know the difference a good leader can make.

As we turn to our confession, I want you to take a moment to consider two questions:

Who are some of the key people who led you to where you are today?
What good qualities do they possess that you’d like to copy?

Silence is kept for reflection.

In 1 Timothy 2, Paul writes,

I urge you that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people: for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Now join me in this prayer of intercession:

God, we thank you that you have raised up leaders like shepherds in our midst, to guide us in our relationship with you. Lord, protect our leaders from the enemy’s schemes and temptations. For those suffering under bad leadership, we pray that you would bind up the wounds of those who suffer and guide those leaders to repentance and renewal. For those of us who are leaders in some capacity, humble us to see our positions in service to you, and keep us from wandering after our own way. In Jesus name, Amen.

Lord Have Mercy

Oh The Deep Deep Love

Evidence of Grace - ND Lama

Sermon - Jeremiah 23:1-8

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

He Leadeth Me (Reawaken)

O Church Arise

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) Grenada Team Giving - Today is the last Sunday to give!
- 2) MCT July 6th - 7:00 PM at 4540 Southern Pkwy

Please stand with me. 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. Today we will be praying a sending prayer over the Grenada team.

[Prayer for Grenada Team]

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.
