

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

God My Shepherd, Genesis
48:1-22 - Bradley Bell

July 24, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,
Best Thing

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

0:00 Call to Worship

Church, we live in a culture where one of its greatest values is the freedom to not be in submission to anyone. To live as we want. To do as we want. But when we gather together here, we are gathering in submission to the one true God. We are saying that he has wrangled us down as once wayward sheep, and now he is our Good Shepherd.

So let's affirm this truth together from Psalm 23:

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

Now speak this next part—not just ABOUT your Shepherd—but TO your Shepherd.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:4-5

The invitation today is for you to come and worship the Good Shepherd. If you would receive that invitation, and submit yourself to him, then say this good news with me:

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

0:00 *Goodness, Mercy, and Grace* [Default Arrangement in Eb]

0:00 Confession

As we grow older and look back on the panorama of our lives, it's tempting for us to ask where God was at times. We may feel regret over mistakes we've made, or sorrow over painful experiences, or bitterness over life passing us by. God would have us be fruitful and bless others all the way to the end—perhaps even more than any other time in life.

Whatever your stage in life, take a moment right now to consider this question:

What is keeping you from being fruitful and blessing others?

Now let's pray this to the Shepherd who hears our confession and renews us:

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!
Be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
From Psalm 80:1-2 and Psalm 67:1-2

0:00 *You Never Let Go* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 *Your Grace Is Enough* [G in G]

0:00 Sermon - Genesis 48:1-22

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

0:00 *The Wonderful Cross* [Alternate Arrangement (CA) in Bb]

0:00 *Goodness Of God* [Default Arrangement in G-G]

0:00 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 - 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 (which first and always include specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servant's wall in the hallway after the gathering as there are numerous new needs listed there):

1) 9 AM Classes - Our adult 9 AM class will start a study of the book of James next week. Childcare is provided.

2) Family Meeting - Our annual mid-year family meeting (for covenant members) will be this evening here at the building at 6 pm. We will be serving savory and sweet refreshments but we encourage you to plan to eat dinner before or after. Childcare is provided.

3) Mantioch BBQ August 13th - More details will be coming about this soon. See Josh Flint if you have questions or would like to help.

4) Sexual abuse prevention and response team - will meet in the youth room right after the service for those who expressed an interest in this ministry.

5) Set up for tonight's meeting- If a few volunteers wouldn't mind helping set up some tables right after the gathering it will only take about 10 min.

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.

Church, it was too light a thing for Jesus Christ to raise up the tribes of Jacob, so God made him a light for the nations, that his salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Therefore may you go redeemed and shepherded your whole life long, so that his name may be carried on through you. Based on Isaiah 49:6; Genesis 48:15-16

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

Slides

Jodie Sigrest

Sound

Timothy Wallis

Band

Acoustic Guitar

Rachael Hurt

Bass Guitar

Mark Mihalyov

Drums

Brian Sigrest

Keys

Matt Reynolds

Vocals

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