

Sunday Gathering

July 30, 2023 - God is Good All the
Time, Psalm 73 - Tanner Williams

Call to Worship - Matthew 12:18-21

Week by week, day after day, Sunday morning after Sunday morning, Family group meeting after Family group meeting. This rhythm that we find ourselves in is a true blessing. Cultivating intentional gospel relationships is what we are about here, and that is glorious!

That said, how often do we find ourselves going through the motions? Saying the right things? Singing words that don't feel like they hit home? There are times when we feel like we can't get out of the rut of this rhythm.

Whether you find yourself in this moment joyful in the rhythms of church life, or in the mire of feeling unworthy hear what the Spirit is saying to us:

"Here is My Servant whom I have chosen,
My beloved in whom My soul delights;
I will put My Spirit on Him,
and He will proclaim justice to the nations.

He will not break a bruised reed,
and He will not put out a smoldering wick,
until He has led justice to victory.

The nations will put their hope in His name."

Christ meets you, wherever you are! He is gentle with you, and full of love for you. Let's turn our faces to him as we worship together.

In the midst of our busy rhythms of life, let's respond together -

God is Good!

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Confession - Taken from Every Moment Holy, Nights & Days of Doubt, Mark 9:24, John 6:68

God is good! Isn't he? Yes. But, if we are honest with ourselves sometimes it doesn't feel that way.

In the hospital, it doesn't feel like it. When news of loss comes, it doesn't feel like it. When the rain of depression or anxiety falls, it doesn't feel like it.

Is there a part of your life that feels like God is absent right now? Take a moment to reflect.

In the middle of this sorrow God has not forgotten us. In fact, he is closer than we could have imagined.

From a Liturgy for Nights and Days of Doubt

I would that my heart was ever strong, O lord,
My faith always firm and wavering.
But it is not always so.

There are those other moments when I cannot sense you near,
Cannot hear you, see you, touch you, time when fear or depression or frustration overwhelm
When the seawalls of my faith crumble and give way to intruding tides of doubt.

So now church, when those moments come, let's join with the man in the scripture who cried out to the Lord:

We ask and confess:

"Lord I believe! Help me with my unbelief!"

And with Simon Peter we join:

"Lord, where else will we go? You have the words of eternal life".

I Am Not My Own

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sermon - Psalm 73

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Goodness Of God

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

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) Missionary Care Team is this Thursday at 7 PM at the Groces, 4540 Southern Pkwy.
- 2) The Deferios FG has initiated a small outreach at Heritage Green that starts this Saturday from 10:00-12:30. If you'd like to participate, either individually or as a FG, see Ryan Jeffers.
- 3) August kicks off our annual Antioch Family series, which is subtitled, "I Am Not My Own". Next Sunday is Safe Church Sunday, in which we highlight our steps toward greater prevention of sexual abuse and care of survivors.

This includes a number of Antioch Academy classes at 9 AM. You can see them on the screen and listed beside the training room. Next Sunday's class is a child dedication class, with child dedications on the following Sunday the 13th. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Josiah.

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. For today's benediction we will be praying for one of our distributed families who is visiting today.

Church, we are all tossed about by the waves of life, but we look to something greater—Christ, the one who has given himself for you, your refuge, your strength, and your salvation. Therefore go, knowing he will keep you until you have finished the race.

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.
