# **Sunday Gathering Liturgy**

Broken People Bless People, Genesis 43:1-44:17 - Bradley

June 19, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing, Best Thing

## Length in mins

#### 0:00 Call to Worship - 1 John 3:1; Psalm 2:7; John 1:12; Romans 8:15

Happy Father's Day! This is a special day because—no matter if you are a father or not—all of us have been impacted by biological and spiritual fathers in our lives. They are a living picture of the strength, protection, and leadership of God.

So we thank God for fathers. This is often a day in the church where we blast fathers and call them to do better. But instead let's make this a day where we encourage and affirm fathers in the divine task God has given them.

We also want to acknowledge that this is a hard day for many people. It can be a painful reminder of childlessness, singleness, neglect, broken relationships, empty nests, and fathers who have passed. These things are worthy of lament, and God the Father enters the sorrow with us.

Most of all, let's allow this celebration of fathers to lead us in celebrating our heavenly Father. Hear this word from 1 John 3:

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1

Now let's announce this good news together:

You are my sons and daughters, This day I have begotten you.

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

As many as received him,

To them he gave the right to called children of God.

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,

But you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Congregation: See what love the Father has for us!

Amen! Let's sing together of the Father who loved us so much that he sent his Son...

0:00 On Christ The Solid Rock [ Default Arrangement in E ]

### 0:00 Confession - Romans 2:1-5; Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51:17

Hear the word of the Lord from Romans 2:

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. Romans 2:1-5

These are heavy words for a worship gathering, especially at a time when it's expected for churches to be only celebratory. However, the Scriptures teach us that true confession and repentance is the path that restores the joy of our salvation. So let's make the words of Psalm 139 our prayer as the Holy Spirit searches our hearts today:

### Congregation:

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

24 And see if there be any grievous way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting! Psalm 139:23-24

Church, now take heart and celebrate these inspired words of a fellow sinner: "a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

- 0:00 Grace Greater Than Our Sin [ Norton Hall Arrangement in E ]
- 0:00 Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me [ Default Arrangement in C ]
- 0:00 Sermon Genesis 43:1-44:17
- 0:00 Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-28
- **0:00** Altogether Good [ Default Arrangement in Ab ]
- **3:00** Now Why This Fear [ Default Arrangement in A: In A ]

### 0:00 Benediction - Ephesians 2:4-7

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 next 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 - Classes will resume next week in the study of Galatians. Childcare is provided.

DATE CHANGE - Also on the 26th we will have a Membership class. If you are interested in exploring membership at Antioch—which we encourage everyone to do—please come. This is where we explain things like our vision, story, doctrine, and polity. There is a signup sheet on the side table. Please let us know if you will attend.

2) Young Disciples and Youth - We have some summer updates for you!

First, Young Disciples will be doing a hangout by the pool day on Saturday, July 16th with snacks and games. Please RSVP so that we can be prepared. You may do that on the Facebook event or by connecting with Lindsay Thomas.

Second, regarding Youth—let's show our gratitude for Tanner Williams who has served the youth faithfully. Going forward, the youth will be doing a 10-week summer book study called, "10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask About Christianity," led by pastor Jason. (We hope as pastors this shows you youth and parents how serious we are taking the future of our youth ministry at Antioch.) This study start next Sunday, June 26th. We are providing books and breakfast each week for students (this is a great opportunity to invite friends).

Youth parents: next week near the end of the Youth gathering at 10:15 am, pastor Jason would like to meet briefly with all of you to discuss upcoming events and general information. So please plan to attend. (Location: youth room)

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, God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved you, even when you were dead in your trespasses, made you alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised you up with him and seated you with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward you in Christ Jesus. Therefore may you go today broken by such grace that you may bless with such love. Based on Ephesians 2:4-7

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.