

Sunday Gathering

The Ultimate Sacrifice,
Genesis 22 - Brian Croft

March 17, 2024

Luke: Upside Down (2024)

Call to Worship

Have you ever been overwhelmed by what God will do? I invite you to take a posture of openness and hear the promise of God made in Matthew 5:3-10

God Will bless those who realize their need for him.
God Will bless those who mourn.
God Will bless those who are gentle and lowly.
God Will bless those who hunger and thirst for justice.
God Will bless those who are merciful.
God Will bless those whose hearts are pure.
God Will bless those who work for peace.
God Will bless those who are persecuted because they live for God.

With all that God will bless, let us lift our voices to Him and sing praises to Him.

Praise the Lord

Confession

God's Will is to bless you and me! However, two very sad words come next- "but we"... That is the second half of it, God will, but we (all) have sinned (and fallen short) in so many ways.
But We have been proud in spirit,
But We have not mourned over our sins
But We have valued toughness over gentleness
But We have hunger after pleasures
But We have presided as harsh judges over the lives of others
But We have defiled our hearts.
But We are often at war with one another
But We have too often retreated from the disapproval of others

That should have been it, the end, game over. If you stay there, it is in fact, game over for you. But, in epic fashion, God flips the script on us with the two most amazing words I think I have ever heard...
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Be Thou My Vision

Sermon

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Jesus Thank You

What He's Done

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) The Soccer Clinic will be on the four Saturdays in April from 2-5 pm there is a signup link on the social media. We would love it if you could serve. We would also love for a family group to adopt each week. See Marcus if you have any questions.

2) Good Friday service will be on March 29th.

3) at food pantry, thanks to everyone who served throughout the month to help pull off another food pantry. The Jeffers clan was especially helpful this weekend. We served 61 families today, plus Pastor Pedro and Melanie made a total of 6 more home deliveries. We also sent a gob (technical term) of produce and meat to our Congolese brothers and sisters.

4) There will be no Young Disciples or Youth on Easter Sunday.

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.

Church, let us go forth proclaiming with faith like Abraham, "Your will be done on earth as it heaven"

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.
