

# Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Child of God, Luke  
18:15-17 - Bradley Bell

March 20, 2022

Luke: Upside Down 3

Length  
in mins

Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals

## 0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 148:1-5, 12-14

This is a special day in the life of our church, where we are celebrating six child dedications. What a gift from our heavenly Father! In light of that, we have oriented today's gathering around worshiping him as a family. The church is to be a place where all people—young, old, and everyone in between—love God and neighbor with childlike hearts.

Hear these words about the God who brings this family into being:

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For he commanded and they were created.

Now let's join in the praise:

\*\*12 Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.\*\*

14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the Lord! Psalm 148:1-5, 12-14

## 0:00 *Rejoice* [ Default Arrangement in A ]

## 0:00 Confession - Titus 2:1-6

As God's family, he would have us be a people who welcome children and grow spiritually mature families and disciple generations to follow Jesus. And in order to be this kind of family, we need people of all ages. We read in Titus 2,

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. 2 Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. 3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. 6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Titus 2:1-6

Sadly, we live in a culture that tends to view children as burdens and older people as useless. This can even seep into our own hearts as God's family. So let's make this our prayer today and continually:

Father, thank you for redeeming a family  
That displays your faithfulness throughout all generations  
We pray that in our midst you would bind us together  
Older, younger, and everything in between  
That we may be one, even as you are one.  
Amen.

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0:00 *Jesus Strong And Kind* [ C in C ]

0:00 *Jesus Loves Me* [ Page CXVI in B ]

0:00 **Child Dedication - Psalm 127**

0:00 **Sermon - Luke 18:15-17**

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

0:00 *Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy* [ Norton Hall Arrangement in Bm ]

0:00 *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)* [ Default Arrangement in A ]

0:00 **Benediction - 1 John 3:1; Luke 18:16**

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, where we seek 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. Church, giving is not simply paying the church's bills, but a way in which we participate in God's mission together. For example, the story book Bibles that we were able to provide to families today, Bibles that will be used to welcome children to Jesus just like we've talked about, that was made possible by your faithful giving.

If you prefer to give digitally, visit our website or find us on GivApp. 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.

Announcements

For everyone, here are a few ways to take the next steps (which first and always includes specific ways you can serve—see the servants wall in the hallway and take something off the plate of current leaders):

1) 9 AM Classes - There is a study through the book of Micah that started today and will continue for the next three weeks. Coffee and childcare are available.

2) Mantioch - A Mantioch breakfast is happening this Saturday, March 26th from 7:30-9:00 AM. This will be a time for men to eat together and build relationships. Please RSVP by responding to an email that went out or by signing up at the side table. Please let our deacon of men (Josh Flint) know if you have questions or any food allergies.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction which simply is a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. I invite you to hold out your hands as a posture of receiving this blessing:

Church, behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God—and that is what we are! So may you go into the world with a childlike heart, not hindering, but welcoming those whom Jesus is calling to himself. Based on 1 John 3:1; Luke 18:16

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.


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0:00

## Audio/Visual

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### Audio

Jason Cox 

### Slides

Yoonji Jo

### Sound

Timothy Wallis 

## Band

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### Acoustic Guitar

Lydia Cronan

### Bass Guitar

Mark Mihalyov

### Drums

Brian Sigrest

### Electric Guitar

Josh Thomas

### Keys

Noel Reynolds

### Vocals

Katie Harrod 

### Worship Leader

Aaron Kiefer