

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

The Fear of God, Luke
12:1-12 - Bradley Bell

March 27, 2022

Luke: Upside Down 3

**Length
in mins**

**Audio/
Visual BandPersonVocals**

0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 25:8-10, 14

In this season of Lent, in which we prepare ourselves for the coming of Good Friday and Easter, we humbly remember our need for a good and gracious God. Let's allow the word of God to awaken us from a groggy Sunday morning and call us to worship God for who he is:

8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. Psalm 25:8–10

This is good news! But only if we fear God more than man. Friendship with the world means giving more weight to its words and ways than to God's. It clamors for our attention and devotion, even right now. But let's say this together:

****The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.**** Psalm 25:14

[Let the worship leader pray extemporaneously based on the verse above and the song to come]

0:00 *His Mercy Is More* [Default Arrangement in E]

0:00 Confession - Psalm 139:1-4, 7, 17, 23-24

In Psalm 139 we read these words:

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. Psalm 139:1-4

By nature, all of us play hide-and-seek with God. But the reality is that he already sees where we are. Confession begins with acknowledging the strength of God's arm to reach down and find our hiding places. Let's say this with the psalmist:

****Where shall I flee from your presence?**** Psalm 139:7

But confession is more than that. It's choosing to come out of our hiding because we WANT our Father to see us through and through. This means acknowledging the tenderness of his heart to reach down and restore us to him. Let's say this with the psalmist:

****How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!**** Psalm 139:17

How have you been hiding lately? What are the parts of your life where Jesus is Lord, and others parts where he is not? Where are you trying to show people that you're better than you actually are? Take a moment and confess this before your Father. [pause]

Now let's pray this with the psalmist:

****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

Amen.

0:00 *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* [Default Arrangement in C]

Winona
in B

0:00 *Run To The Father* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 New Member Introductions - 1 Peter 2:4-5

Here at Antioch we value the practice of covenant membership—after all, our declaration as to why we exist centers on relationships. Of course, we recognize that what makes us members of God’s family is trust in the finished work of Jesus, not signing a covenant. But membership is meant to simply be an outworking of that inner reality. It clarifies to members who they are committed to and who is committed to them. And it allows pastors to know who is seeking their spiritual oversight and (as Hebrews 13:17 says) for whom they will have to give Jesus an account.

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, “The admission of already professing and baptized believers into membership will be by affirmation of the church upon recommendation of the elders.” Thus after a process that included a membership class, individual membership interviews, and the affirmative vote of all covenant members, we are excited to present to you these new covenant members of the Antioch family (please come forward as I call your name):

Ken Besaw
Rachael Hurt
Ryan and Alyssa Jeffers
Mark and Aimee Mihalyov
Ralph and Janet Neal
Bob and Kersten Priest

First, let’s let these brothers and sisters know how excited we are that God has brought them to Antioch!

Our tradition here is to give new members a “stone of remembrance”. Throughout the Old Testament, we see examples of God’s people responding to his grace by raising up a stone of remembrance, an Ebenezer. It was a way of marking what he had done to save them. With this stone, we are marking what God has done to save you and bring you into his family.

We also see this theme In the New Testament. In 1 Peter 2:4-5 we read, “As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” So with this stone, we recognize not only that you have been saved and brought into God’s family, but that each of you have a unique and important role in that family. For this reason, we have not only marked the stone with Antioch’s name and the year of your membership but also with your name and a meaningful statement about you that stood out from your membership interview. May this be a blessing to you!

[Pass out stones]

Church, let’s pray for these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

0:00 Sermon - Luke 12:1-12

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

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

3:00 *Now Why This Fear* [Default Arrangement in A: In A]

0:00 Benediction - Revelation 3:5

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. 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—)

1) Servants wall - There are several new plates that have been added to the servant wall. Please take a look and prayerfully consider taking something off the plate of one of our leaders, deacons, and pastors.

2) 9 AM Classes - Our study through the book of Micah is continuing. Even if you have not been able to attend as of yet, you can still jump in at any time. Coffee and childcare are available.

3) FG Outreach - On Sunday, April 10th at 5pm will be an all-Family Group outreach. We will be prayer walking our neighborhood and handing out invitations to our Good Friday and Easter Sunday gatherings. This will replace all regular FG gatherings for that week. If this doesn't sound exciting to you, listen to this story from two of our members during a recent outreach:

"While at the apartments across the street, we met an older couple who (due to health complications) hadn't left their apartment since Covid began—that means over a year of isolation. We ended up talking with them for over an hour, which mostly consisted of them excitedly getting to talk. But we did share the gospel, and later we returned and gave them a Bible (since their only Bible was an old family Bible they kept in a case). It doesn't take much to bless people in these days!"

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, Jesus Christ died to put you to death as hypocrites and rose to raise you up as friends. Therefore may you go confessing his name before men, that he may confess your name before his Father. Based on Revelation 3:5

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.

Audio/Visual

Audio

Andrew Oliveras 

Slides

Yoonji Jo 

Band

Vocals

Rebekah & Josh Flint

Winona Miller