

Sunday Gathering

Easter 2024

March 31, 2024

Luke: Upside Down (2024)

Call to Worship

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Praise God for bringing us together this morning, to another celebration of resurrection. Yes, actual resurrection - we believe that God took Jesus's once dead body and brought it to life again. Our guilt and shame crucified with Christ on the cross, and then He rose. Once cold and still in a tomb, His lungs fill with air and blood rushes through his veins. His heart beats! Can we be still for a moment and sit in weight and awe of what Christ has accomplished?

Declare this and let's celebrate together by reading the underlined sections:

Christ is Risen: the world below lies desolate.
Christ is Risen: the spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is Risen: the angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is Risen: the tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever!

St. Hippolytus of Rome

You Are Good

Confession

I am so glad we have this yearly celebration of what God has done, because so often, we forget. Without reminders of our need for salvation, we are fickle and our hearts wander off. Our sins can start to seem small, and if we are honest, so can God.

But Jesus took our doubt and pride and shame upon himself and bore the punishment for our sin in death, and then He defeated it.

Read the underlined portions of these passages with me:

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19 NIV

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Acts 13:38 NRSV

Let's continue in worship of this man, Jesus.

Absent From Flesh

Endless Praise

Sermon

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Agnus Dei

Pad / bass only once through, transition into King of Kings

King Of Kings

In Christ Alone

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) Antioch Academy Seeks to develop intentional gospel relationships through the regular practice of learning in community.

This spring, we are focusing on our identity as worshippers. Please join us for a three week book study through Tremper Longman's, *How to Read the Psalms*. The class will begin at 9:15 in the training room and run from 4/14-4/28. If you are interested, please register for the class using the sign-up sheet near the auditorium doors, or register at antiochpeople.org/classes

3) Remember to pick up a *Who's Your One* card on the side table.

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.

Hallelujah! Jesus is risen! We have been sanctified with the offering of the body of Christ. He has made us right with God. He is risen indeed! May this declaration resound not only in these walls, but also in the lives of all we meet and forever be the truth of which we speak. Your love, once sown within a garden, tended for your own people, neglected and rejected, now spreads its sweet perfume in this place and wherever it is shown. We can go out today with full confidence in the blood of Jesus. He has made a way!

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.
