

# Sunday Gathering

The Truly Rich Young Ruler,  
Luke 18:18-30 - Bradley Bell

March 5, 2023

Luke: Upside Down (Spring  
2023)

## Call to Worship - Matthew 5:3-6

Church, how we approach worship matters. We can easily get stuck in the routine of merely “showing up.” Or we may enter worship, as one theologian puts it, “on superstitious terms, as if we are hedging our bets with God.” But this is not truly Christian worship.

Christian worship is centered around the audacious belief that Jesus Christ has first called us to himself, that the God of the universe wants to meet with us.

Hear these words of welcome from the Gospel of Matthew:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:3-6

Thus we say on behalf of Christ:

You who are poor, you who mourn, you who are meek, and you who hunger and thirst,

**\*\*Come and worship and be blessed!\*\***

## *Glorious Day*

### Confession - Joel 2:12-13; Luke 18:13; 1 Timothy 1:15

Church, every time we encounter the Lord in his word, we are invited to humble ourselves in trust and obedience. In the prophet Joel we read,

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Joel 2:12-13

True to the season of Lent, let us not be like the one who hears and goes away sad, unwilling to obey. Instead, let us humble ourselves and confess our sins to the only One who is able to save. Let’s speak these righteous words of the tax collector:

**\*\*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!\*\*** Luke 18:13

Brothers and sisters, this is our true confession and great comfort (say it with me):

**\*\*Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.\*\*** 1 Timothy 1:15

## *Goodness Of God*

### *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

### Evidence of Grace - 1 Timothy 3:13

### Sermon - Luke 18:18-30

### Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

## *How Marvelous*

### *Nothing But The Blood - MattRedman*

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## **Benediction - 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 18:28**

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 Mantiach Bible Study will continue next Sunday at 9 AM in the training room. Even if you missed the first session today, still join us next time as we continue to learn about God's rightly ordered priorities and the power to live them out. If any men need an alternative time to meet because of other responsibilities on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the side table.

2) This Friday, March 10th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM will be plot signups for our community garden. If you would like to meet gardeners from all over the world and help with signups, please come. If you would like a plot yourself, please come. And if you have a heart for ministering to our neighbors through gardening, please come and let the pastors know!

3) Prayer and fasting - Our call to church-wide prayer and fasting during the season of Lent continues this week. There are print copies of this week's devotional on the side table if you need them, and we will also post them daily on our Facebook page.

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. I invite you to hold out your hands in a posture of reception:

Church, you know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. Therefore may you go on your way deeply happy, willing to leave everything behind to follow him. Based on 2 Corinthians 8:9; Luke 18:28

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

We are sent.

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## **Audio/Visual**

### **Audio**

Jason Cox

### **Slides**

Jodie Sigrest

## **Band**

### **Acoustic Guitar**

Mark Mihalyov

### **Percussion**

Brian Sigrest 

### **Vocals**

Katie Harrod