

# Sunday Gathering

Kingdom Expansion, Acts 3 -  
Josh Thomas

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Witness

Length  
in mins

Audio/  
Visual Band Person Vocals

## 0:00 Call to Worship

Greetings Church!

Today I am eager to dive back into the Book of Acts, where we see a Church united by Christ, something we sadly don't see in the church too often today. Let us take a moment to proclaim our togetherness in Christ, read the following with me, as you set your heart on our shared family of Christ.

We, your people, Lord,  
are scattered around the world today.  
Yet when we gather as your Church, we become one.  
we are united together.  
Remove the divisions that separate us,  
heal the brokenness that too often marks us.  
Make this time of worship  
a celebration of our oneness with Christ  
and with one another, that the world may believe.

## 0:00 *God is Good* [ Default Arrangement in G ]

## 0:00 Confession

The sad truth of our situation is that as soon as we turn our hearts to God, almost instantly our sin starts looking to paralyze our spiritual walk again. So let us confess our failure together and ask God to heal our hearts. Poster your heart as I read this prayer

Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas,  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason  
and turn them into bonds of oppression  
Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Knowing God is faithful to us let us continue in worship!

## 0:00 *All Of Our Tomorrows* [ Default Arrangement in C ]

## 0:00 *Only A Holy God* [ Default Arrangement in D ]

## 0:00 Sermon

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

## 0:00 *Were You There?* [ Norton Hall Arrangement in C ]

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

**0:00 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) Parents of Young Disciples — we are planning to have an event for Young Disciples on Saturday, May 25, from approximately 2-4pm. More details will be available soon, but please hold that date and time!

2) Thanks to everyone who served in various ways this month to help pull off another successful food pantry. We served 76 families representing 280 individuals (we gave out 76 boxes because one household of African immigrants was especially large). Not only that, but we continue to see more and more of our visitors serving alongside our already multi-congregational team on Fridays and Saturdays.

I want to share some evidence of God's grace in the form of answered prayers. I asked you in February and March to pray for grace and favor with Dare to Care against their anti-Gospel policy. Although their policy hasn't changed (and neither has our position [Acts 4:19-20] and certainly not the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever [Heb 13:8]), Dare to Care has awarded us a \$6,628 grant to repair our walk-in refrigerator. This is on top of a \$2,000 grant we received from LRBA to purchase another freezer. He gives more grace!

3) Open House for Teresa Donaldson's graduation today.

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 Go forth, knowing you are of one body, one heart, healed by Christ, loved by your brothers and sisters. Take joy and sow it in your life this week.

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.

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**0:00**

**Band**

**Cello**

Tim Donaldson 

**Violin**

Emily Wallis

**Vocals**

Winona Miller