

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

When Grace Breaks Through,
Genesis 38:1-30 - Bradley
Bell

May 8, 2022

Genesis 37-50: Worst Thing,
Best Thing

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

0:00 Call to Worship - Job 1:21; Romans 12:15

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church. Happy Mother's Day! This is a special day not just because of the cultural significance, but because all of us have been impacted by biological and spiritual mothers in our lives. They are a reflection of God's life-giving power, and yet also his tenderness and nurture.

So if you're a mother, we thank God for you. Being a mom is hard, sometimes thankless work. It's a responsibility that's full of joy and wonder, but also anxiety and exhaustion. Moms, we need you and we love you!

But we also want to acknowledge that this is a difficult day for many. It can be a painful reminder of infertility, miscarriages, singleness, broken relationships, prodigal children, empty nests, and mothers who have passed. These things are worthy of grief and lament, and God enters the sorrow with us.

So let's pray this together based on Job 1:21 and Romans 12:15 (say the underlined portions with me):

O God our Creator and giver of life,
Congregation: Thank you for the gift of mothers.

You are the God who gives and takes away,
Congregation: Blessed be your name.

On a day that is different for all of us,
Congregation: Help us rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Continue to raise up in our midst biological and spiritual mothers
Congregation: That we may all grow into the fullness of Christ.

Amen.

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

0:00 Confession - Proverbs 21:15; Micah 6:6-8; Luke 18:13-14

This past week we were all astounded with the news that Roe v. Wade may soon be overturned. Proverbs 21:15 says,

When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous
but terror to evildoers. Proverbs 21:15

So let us rejoice in the hope that children conceived in the image of God—even in grievous and unimaginable circumstances—may have the right to live. And let us pray that this will truly be carried out in days to come. Father, may it be so! [spontaneous prayer]

This also reminds us that when God’s grace breaks through in our lives, it compels us to be champions of his justice in all its expressions, until the day Christ returns and sets all things right. Hear the word of the Lord from Micah 6:

6 “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” **8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ** Micah 6:6-8

Let’s take a moment to humbly acknowledge in our own hearts how easy it is to seek God’s justice for some things and not others, and to withdraw in despair, apathy, or frustration.

[pause]

Church, be of good courage! When your heart cries, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” Jesus says you will go down to your house—justified.”

0:00 Lord I Need You

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key of B

0:00 *Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus (Trust In Jesus)* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 Sermon - Genesis 38:1-30

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

0:00 *Be Thou My Vision* [Norton Hall Be Thou My Vision in D]

0:00 *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death* [Default Arrangement in F]

0:00 Benediction - John 12:24; Micah 6:8

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, which meet in homes throughout the week in order for us to grow in the context of deep 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 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.

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 next steps (which first and always include specific ways you can serve—we encourage you to see the servant's wall in the hallway after the gathering as there are numerous new needs listed there):

1) 9 AM Classes - All 9 AM classes will resume next Sunday with the Men's and Women's Bible studies. The topic for men is Spiritual Warfare and the topic for women is Prayer. Childcare is provided.

2) Baptism - Next Sunday there will be a baptism class during the 9 AM classes. If you'd like to learn more about being baptized, please sign up for the class so that we can prepare materials—there is a sign up sheet on the side table.

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 became the seed that fell to the ground and died so that it would bear much fruit in you. Therefore go today declared righteous in an unjust world, that you may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Based on John 12:24; Micah 6:8

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.


0:00

Audio/Visual

Audio

Timothy Wallis 

Slides

Yoonji Jo 

Band

Cello

Tim Donaldson 

Percussion

Mark Mihalyov