

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Follow Jesus, Luke 14:25-35 -
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October 2, 2022

Luke: Upside Down

Length
in mins

Audio/
Visual Band Person Vocals

0:00 Call to Worship - Psalm 89:1-2, 5

I don't know what season you're a fan of—some people love Fall and some people hate it. But there is something about the beauty of all the leaves turning different colors. It speaks to us that there is something more at play in our world than just time passing by. It awakens us to the reality that before the earth was made, there was a perfect Creator of the universe, who made all things and all things good. This Creator was committed to his good plans for his creation, and he has remained faithful to it to this day.

Hear this word in response to him from Psalm 89:

1 "I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
In the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
Psalm 89:1-2

On behalf of the Lord we welcome you today, whatever you bring and whatever you lack. Where you have been unfaithful to him this week, his steadfast love has remained. It is written in every color of the leaves. So let us respond along with the psalmist:

**Let the heavens praise your wonders O LORD,
Your faithfulness in the assembly of holy ones!**
Psalm 89:5

0:00 *No Other Name* [Default Arrangement in A]

0:00 Confession - Jeremiah 17:9

Church, in the sermon passage that we will hear today, Jesus calls us to sit down, count the cost, and consider if we are able to follow him as disciples. The temptation for us is to either follow naively without counting the cost, or to follow naively thinking we are able to do it all in our own strength. Both of these are dangerous, as the prophet Jeremiah warns us:

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
Jeremiah 17:9

God understands it, and he invites us to a better vision for following Jesus, one that knows the cost, but depends fully on him to pay it. As a way of confessing our need, join in praying through the following liturgy (and say the underlined portions with me):

God, wake us to be present with you and to one another
in these shared hours we are here.

**For it is you, O Lord, who have
So gathered us from our various places,
And you alone who knows our hearts
And our needs.**

O Father, enlarge our hearts.
O Spirit, expand our vision.
O Christ, establish your kingdom among us.
**Be at work even now, O Lord,
That we may be enabled and encouraged
To follow you together.**

Amen.

"A Liturgy to Begin a Purposeful Gathering"
Every Moment Holy

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0:00 *Turn Away From Sin and Sorrow* [Default Arrangement in G]

0:00 *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery* [Default Arrangement in E]

0:00 **Child Dedications - Psalm 127:1-5**
on attached sheets

0:00 **Sermon - Luke 14:25-35**

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

0:00 *He Will Hold Me Fast* [Default Arrangement in G]

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

0:00 **Benediction - Colossians 3:3**

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 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 we can get to know you more. You can give it to someone with a lanyard or leave it in your seat; 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 following steps:

1) MCT - Missionary Care Team will meet at 7PM this Thursday night at the Groce's to pray for our distributed members. See Pastor Robbie for more information.

2) Fall Women's Weekend - That's this weekend! Friday night from 7-9 there will be a bonfire and smore's bar with Coffee, hot chocolate, and Apple Cider. The following morning women will gather again from 9-12, and will be hearing from Diane Schreiner share about her experience in ministering to women of every generation. Afterwards we will gather in groups to discuss questions and pray together. In order to prepare, please RSVP on the signup sheet over on the side table or let Crystal know (also let her know if you're interested in serving at the event). Please come and invite other ladies as well.

3) Fall Workday - October 22nd. For more info see Timothy Wallis.

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.

Church, you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Therefore may you go into a world that thinks it has what it takes, and show them the supreme delight of surrendering to Jesus. Based on Colossians 3:3

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.

WE ARE SENT

0:00
